

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Video Conference

Held at 7pm on Wednesday, 3rd February 2021

PRESENT: Councillor M Dannatt (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: M Anderson, P Barry, S Blackburn, B Brookes, D Brookes, J Brookes, R Cunnington, S Dennis, D R Edginton, A Findley, D Kirk, S Kirk, G Saxon and T Tye.

Officers: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

Absent: Cllr S Claxton and P Sutton.

The meeting was live streamed on the Council's You Tube Channel to public and press.

C155. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.*

C156. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

An apology for absence was received from Councillors S Emsen and T Burnham.

C157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

Cllr S Dennis Category A – Item 7 Payee.

C158. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 4)

No questions or statements received.

C159. THE TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE (Agenda Item 5)

The Town Mayor informed Council that a list of Mayoral events has been posted on the Council website, Facebook and Twitter. The Mayor commented on the sad passing of Captain Tom Moore, an amazing man who will always be remembered.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Mayor's announcements be noted.*

**C160. THE LATE COUNCILLOR J CARPENTER – DEPUTY MAYOR
(Agenda Item 6)**

The Mayor paid tribute to the late Councillor and informed Council that a tree was to be planted in the twin town of Bad Gandersheim to commemorate the late Councillor and other that had lost their lives this year. Councillors paid their respects. The feeling amongst everyone was that it was a great loss to not only his family and colleagues but to the whole community of Skegness that he served so well.

The Town Clerk spoke of the shock and sadness that Council employees felt and sought permission for staff to plant a tree in the Council's garden of remembrance in his honour. The Town Clerk Informed Council that when Cllr J Carpenter was Mayor one of his Mayoral Charities was St Barnabas Hospice at Home and this could be an appropriate place for anyone that wanted to make a donation in remembrance of the late Councillor. Cllr R Cunnington asked that his last quarter's allowance of 2020/21 be passed onto this charity rather than paid to him.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:*

- a) *the planting of a tree in the memorial garden at St Marys cemetery be approved*
- b) *Cllr R Cunnington's last quarter allowance be passed to St Barnabas Hospice at home, after a formal request in writing has been made.*

C161. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL (Agenda Item 7)

Cllr S Dennis declared a Category A interest and withdrew from the meeting for this item.

The Town Clerk reported on a schedule of payments made between 1st January 2021 and 27th January 2021 as shown in Appendix A to these minutes. The Town Clerk answered a question on the payments.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the schedule be approved.*

C162. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (Agenda Item 8)

None received.

C163. QUESTIONS TO/COMMENTS FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE (Agenda Item 9)

Cllr R Cunnington and Cllr M Anderson submitted a question.

How many fines or convictions have been issued in Skegness in relation to breaches of Covid-19 rules or regulations?

No police representative was in attendance to answer this question.

**C164. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES
(Agenda Item 10)**

None received.

**C165. REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
(Agenda Item 11)**

None received.

C166. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Agenda Item 12)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Management Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday 20th January 2021 be approved and the resolutions within the minutes be adopted.*

**C167. RESPONSE FROM MOTION ON SERVICES AT SKEGNESS HOSPITAL
(Agenda Item 13)**

A letter from Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (LCCG), Lincolnshire Community Health Services (LCHS) and United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust (ULHT) was presented. The results of a consultation on Louth and Skegness Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) were shared before the meeting. A lengthy discussion about the provision of services at Skegness Hospital took place, concern was raised that the evening provision at UTC may not return at the end of March as indicated.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk respond to the letter sympathising with the reasons behind the removal of overnight services from the UTC but seek concrete confirmation that Skegness UTC would be open 24hrs a day from 31st March 2021.*

C168. TOWN CLERK REPORT (Agenda Item 14)

The Town Clerk presented a report to note, adopt decisions, review issues associated with Annual Council and adopt the Deputy Town Clerk's verbal report on Vehicle Insurance. The Town Clerk informed Council that the succession route to being Mayor had changed and that consideration to how the annual meetings would take place was needed. The Town Clerk explained the difficulties found when trying to use the contract finder website. He explained that an agreement with ELDC had been reached for works on the trees that the Town Council is responsible for in Vine and Coronation Walk.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that after seeking quotes for the fleet vehicle insurance the current provider had proved to be the most cost effective at a price of £2639.40 for the annual premium. The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk answered questions on the report.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) The report set out in section 1 be noted and the Town Clerk be tasked with preparing for the scenarios of a virtual Annual Council, a face-to-face annual Council under tight Covid Restrictions and a virtual Town Meeting.
- b) The report on trees as set out in section 2 of the report be noted and the Town Clerk's actions adopted.
- c) That the verbal insurance update be noted, and the Vehicle Insurance be adopted.

The meeting closed at 8:22pm

Skegness Town Council

Appendix A

Current Account

List of Payments made from 01/01/2021 to 27/01/2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Detail</u>
04/01/2021	BT	DD	68.39	Broadband
04/01/2021	Land Registry	CC	3.00	Land Registry Fee
06/01/2021	DVLA	DD	270.00	Vehicle tax YL58
07/01/2021	Lloyds Bank	PAY	43.99	Bank Charges
12/01/2021	Opus Energy	DD	59.54	Electricity - Units
13/01/2021	Fuelgenie	DD	178.82	Petrol and Diesel
14/01/2021	Burdetts Automotive Ltd	EB397	503.60	2 x Vehicles service & MOT
14/01/2021	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB397	436.43	Cemetery & Tower Gardens bins
14/01/2021	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	EB397	807.60	Accounting Software
14/01/2021	Impact (Boston) Ltd	EB397	113.28	Tickets for car park machine
14/01/2021	Lumalite	EB397	7,030.27	Xmas Illuminations 2 of 3
14/01/2021	LCC Pension Fund	EB397	6,425.78	Pension Contributions mth 9
14/01/2021	Iris Business Software Ltd	EB397	625.20	Payroll software
14/01/2021	HMRC	EB397	5,342.88	PAYE Contributions mth 9
14/01/2021	GRS Signs	EB397	236.81	Sign
14/01/2021	Eon	EB397	16.52	Electricity Street Lamp
14/01/2021	ELDC	EB397	1,166.66	Units Rent
14/01/2021	British Gas	EB397	40.57	Electricity
18/01/2021	British Gas	DD	867.70	Electricity Pavilion
20/01/2021	ARK ICT Solutions	DD	153.96	CSP Licences & Anti Virus
20/01/2021	O2	DD	57.79	Mobile phones
20/01/2021	British Gas	DD	12.03	Electricity Pavilion
21/01/2021	iZettle	DD	46.80	Café Till System
22/01/2021	ARK ICT Solutions	DD	46.49	IP Seats
25/01/2021	Total Gas & Power	DD	365.56	Electricity Tower Gardens
25/01/2021	Anglian Water	DD	43.00	Water Rates Units
25/01/2021	Total Gas & Power	DD	14.98	Gas Pavilion
26/01/2021	Anglian Water	EB398	153.46	Water Rates Allotments
26/01/2021	Flowbird Smart City UK	EB398	351.29	Car Park Maintenance contract
26/01/2021	Freedom Fire and Security	EB398	294.00	Install alarm system for painting
26/01/2021	G & S Roofing	EB398	180.00	Pavilion clean flat roof & gutters
26/01/2021	HMRC	EB398	90.00	PAYE Contributions mth 9
26/01/2021	Viking Direct	EB398	14.96	Office stationery
26/01/2021	Lumalite	EB398	7,030.20	Xmas Illuminations 3 of 3
27/01/2021	Staff Salaries	EB399	21,863.93	Staff Salaries
27/01/2021	Cllr M Dannatt	EB399	160.00	Mayors Allowance
		Total Payments	<u>55,115.49</u>	