

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 17th February 2021

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

Councillors M Anderson, P Barry, S Blackburn, B Brookes, D Brookes, J Brookes, T Burnham, S Claxton, R Cunnington, S Dennis, D Edginton, A Findley, D Kirk, S Kirk, P Sutton and T Tye.

Absent: Cllr G Saxon.

Officers: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube for public viewing.

M58. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on Wednesday 20th January 2021, approved by Council on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 be noted.*

M59. TO NOTE APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies were received from Councillor S Emsen. Councillors S Dennis and S Kirk had informed that they may be late to the meeting.

M60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

Councillors D Edginton, S Dennis, B Brookes and R Cunnington informed the Committee that they would leave the meeting for the last item as they sit on the East Lindsey District Council Planning Committee.

M61. DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN (Agenda Item 4)

The Town Clerk presented the draft Business Plan 2021-25 which had been updated with the approved budget. The Town Clerk answered questions confirming this was a living document which could be amended as needed.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Business Plan 2021-25 be approved.*

19:07hrs Cllr D Edginton joined the meeting and apologised to the Mayor for being late.

M62. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Agenda Item 5)

The Town Clerk presented a report to declare a climate emergency and reshape policies to tackle environmental and climate change concerns with the aim of protecting Skegness for future generations and in support of national and international efforts to control climate change and improve the environment. A lengthy discussion took place, Councillors recognised the need to take action and for joint working. Members thanked the Town Clerk for bringing this report to their attention.

19:20hrs Cllr S Dennis joined the meeting.

19:27hrs Cllr S Kirk joined the meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That:

- a) The revised Environment and Climate Change Emergency Policy be approved, and a Climate Change Emergency be declared.
- b) A Climate Change Working Group be formed to take the policy forward by developing Community Actions Plans for Committee or Council approval.
- c) Officers will focus on the implications of the policy on existing services and develop action plans for Committee or Council approval.
- d) Action Plan progress is reported back to the Committee not less than quarterly by the Chair of the Working Group.
- e) Cllrs B Brookes, T Burnham, R Cunnington, S Dennis and D Kirk are members of the Climate Change Working Group.

M63. REVEIWED POLICIES (Agenda Item 6)

The Town Clerk spoke on the amendments to the Cemetery Handbook and the need for a further amendment to make it clear that political, campaign or society symbols or emblems are not permitted on memorials. The Town Clerk pointed out the changes to the Risk Management Policy and noted that other changes to policies were very minimal.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Cemetery Handbook, Charity Street Collection, Complaints, Customer Service, Equality, Lone Working, Reserves and Risk Management Policy be approved.*

M64. TOWN CLERK MISCELLANEOUS REPORT (Agenda Item 7)

The Town Clerk presented a report to update the Committee on several operational matters including the completion of a heritage project, the final completion of the Pavilion building, the unauthorised removal of benches from the Town Centre, elections, a Councillor vacancy and the purdah period. A discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That:-

- a) *The report be noted.*

b) *The Town clerk approaches LCC and the Mayor writes to local businesses to get the benches re-sited in the Town Centre.*

20:37hrs Cllr B Brookes, J Brookes, R Cunnington, S Dennis and D Edginton left the meeting.

M65. APPLICATION S/153/00016/21 – Mr S Jacob, 4 Ronald Close, Skegness, PE25 3DE (Agenda Item 8.1)

Proposal: Planning Permission – Extension and alternations to the existing dwelling to provide a kitchen.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the application be supported.*

M66. APPLICATION S/153/02339/20 – Mrs R Archer, Phase 5 Saxon Fields, Land Adjacent to Warth Lane, Skegness (Agenda Item 8.2)

Proposal: Diversion of Public Footpath no. 260.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the application be supported.*

M67. APPLICATION S/153/00178/21 – Mr Vasilev, 36 High Street, Skegness, PE25 3NW (Agenda Item 8.3)

Proposal: Planning Permission - Alterations to existing shop front to provide a shop entrance door, entrance alleyway and security shutters.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the application be supported.*

M68. APPLICATION S/153/02380/20 – Mrs Silvester, Birchwood, Mill Lane, Skegness, PE25 1HW (Agenda Item 8.4)

Proposal: Planning Permission - Change of use of part of existing fishing lakes and camping site to provide a touring caravan site for 11no. caravans and construction of an internal access road.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the application be supported.*

The meeting closed at 20:49hrs