

# SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

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

**Absent:** Cllr P Sutton.

**Officers:** Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was live streamed via YouTube for public viewing.

### **M69. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, approved by Council on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 be noted.*

### **M70. TO NOTE APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)**

Apologies were received from Councillor M Anderson, D Brookes and S Emsen. Councillors S Kirk and D Kirk had informed that they may be late to the meeting.

### **M71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)**

Councillors T Burnham and A Findley Category B - Item 8 Committee Members.

Councillor D Kirk Category B – Item 5 relating to grass cutting of school grounds – School Governor.

Councillor B Brookes Category A – Item 5 relating to Café Dansant – Similar Business.

Councillors D Edginton, S Dennis, B Brookes, J Brookes, S Kirk, A Findley and R Cunnington informed the Committee that they would leave the meeting for the last item on Planning applications.

### **M72. REVEIWED PUBLIC FACING COVID RISK ASSESSMENTS (Agenda Item 4)**

The Town Clerk explained that further review of the Café risk assessment may be needed before opening, especially if further government guidance is received on indoor seating.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the amended public facing risk assessments be approved.*

19:10hrs Cllrs R Cunnington and S Dennis joined the meeting.

**M73. TOWN CLERK UPDATE REPORT (Agenda Item 5)**

The Town Clerk gave the Committee an update on various operational matters. This included the Annual Town meeting, members for the environment and climate working group, an approved contractors list, Tower Gardens, Café Dansant and grass cutting. The Town Clerk answered questions and a lengthy discussion took place.

Cllr D Kirk declared a Category B interest in matters relating to the grass cutting of the school and did not participate or vote on this matter.

Cllr B Brookes declared a Category A interest in matters relating to Café Dansant and withdrew from the meeting for this part of the discussion and voting.

19:34hrs Cllr G Saxon joined the meeting.

19:37hrs Cllr S Kirk joined the meeting.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** That:

- a) the update be noted.
- b) Councillors M Dannatt (Mayor) and S Claxton be appointed as members of the Environment and Climate Change Working Group.
- c) the Town Clerk be authorised to set up an approved contractor list.
- d) A budget of £2500 be authorised from the Tower Gardens and Pavilion Maintenance and Improvement Reserve for floral tubs and hanging baskets or railing planters for the bandstand.
- e) the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to work with ELDC on the welcome back fund with projects to pursue to include the Silver Band and floral displays in Tower Gardens. The Town Clerk is also to write to the Lincolnshire Coastal Destination Bid to seek support for public events including the Silver Band.
- f) no further budget be released for Café Dansant furnishings at this time, but the situation be reviewed once the café is open and operating again.
- g) the Town Clerk is to explore the options and risks around the grass cutting issued raised.

**M74. GRANT POLICY (Agenda Item 6)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the amended Grant Policy be approved.*

**M75. MEETING SCHEDULE 2021/22 (Agenda Item 7)**

The Town Clerk presented a schedule for meetings in 2021/22. The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the Planning Meeting dates may need to change if virtual meetings are not permitted after the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the Schedule of Meetings for 2021/22 be approved.*

**M76. MUTUAL GAIN – WORLD CAFE (Agenda Item 8)**

Information on the World Café was presented, a short discussion took place.

Councillors A Findley and T Burnham declared a Category B interest and did not vote on this item.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That Mutual Gain – World Café be permitted to use the hall without charge.*

**M77. SPEED WATCH SCHEME (Agenda Item 9)**

Information on the Speed Watch Scheme was presented, a discussion took place.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the Town Council does not participate in the Speed Watch Scheme.*

21:14hrs Cllr B Brookes, J Brookes, R Cunnington, S Dennis, S Kirk, A Findley and D Edginton left the meeting.

**M78. APPLICATION S/153/00240/21 – Ms E A Thein, Brown Bottle House, 12 Roman Bank, Skegness, PE25 2RU (Agenda Item 10.1)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission – Change of use of existing former pharmacy to form a shop and wine bar and conversion of existing flat into 2no. flats (works already commenced).

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the application be supported.*

**M79. APPLICATION S/153/00061/21 – Mr A Cripsey, 77-87 Lumley Road and Price George Street, Skegness, PE25 3LS (Agenda Item 10.2)**

**Proposal:** . Planning Permission - Change of use, conversion of, alterations to the first floor of former department store to provide a Roller Rink with soft play area, video game area, with a hot food area and seating area, to include the installation of security shutters and the removal of single existing shop front and replace with a new serving aperture. Change of use of existing detached store to provide an amusement centre Escape Room facility at Prince George Street.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the application be supported.*

**M80. APPLICATION S/153/00062/21 – Mr A Cripsey, 77-87 Lumley Road and Price George Street, Skegness, PE25 3LS (Agenda Item 10.3)**

**Proposal:** Consent to Display - 1 no. non illuminated fascia sign, 2 no. non-illuminated fascia signs (above and below serving aperture) and 2 no. non illuminated signs.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the application be supported.*

**M81. APPLICATION S/153/00234/21 – Mr D Shepherd, Skegness Police Station, Park Avenue, Skegness, PE25 1BL (Agenda Item 10.4)**

**Proposal:** Planning Permission - Erection of vehicular and pedestrian gates and security fencing to a maximum height of 3.0m to the rear and side of the existing Police Station.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the application be supported.*

**M82. APPLICATION S/153/00507/21 – Mr S Green, Jubilee Clock Tower, Tower Esplanade, Skegness (Agenda Item 10.5)**

**Proposal:** Consent to Display - 4 no. non-illuminated hoarding signs at existing roundabout.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *Skegness Town Council objects in the strongest terms to this planning application. The plans are not in keeping with or supporting of the historic nature of the Grade 2 listed Clock Tower which sits at the centre of the roundabout. Signs placed on the elevated grassed area would also compromise highway safety.*

**M83. APPLICATION S/153/00459/21 – Mr R Longworth, 36 Prince George Street, Skegness, PE25 2BB (Agenda Item 10.6)**

**Proposal:** Change of use of the existing former shop and printers/offices to a mixed use comprising of retail, packaging and storage, distillery, bar and gin school. (work started).

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the application be supported.*

**The meeting closed at 9:29pm**