

Lowestoft Town Council
Extraordinary Meeting of the Assets, Inclusion and Development
Committee

First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE
18:15 on 19 February 2024

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Andy Pearce, John Pitts, Bernadette Rappensberger, Nick Webb and Elise Youngman (Chair)

In Attendance: Lauren Elliott (Project and Committee Clerk) and Taylor Williams (Committee Clerk)

202. Welcome

The fire evacuation procedure and public right to report was explained and the meeting was welcomed.

203. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brooks and Newsome with reasons provided. Cllr Pearce proposed approval; seconded by Cllr Webb; all in favour.

Cllrs Breakspear, Coleby and Jones were absent with no apologies received.

204. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

204.1. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable interests from councillors on items on the agenda – Cllrs Pearce and Rappensberger declared they were the two sponsoring Councillors on the application form.

204.2. To consider written requests for dispensations for interests and note dispensations granted – No written requests for dispensations had been received.

205. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 5 February 2024

These minutes were in progress and would be signed off at the next meeting.

206. Public forum

An opportunity for the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda, and to consider any advance comments from the public – No advanced comments had been received and no members of the public were in attendance.

207. To monitor expenditure by this Committee and its Sub-Committees from their delegated budgets

There was no update on expenditure for this meeting.

208. To consider an application for Freedom of the Town (confidential)

It was noted that the recipients were aware of the award and therefore the item could be discussed in public session.

Cllr Rappensberger explained that four crew members of Lowestoft Lifeboat had received an award from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and had over fifty years of voluntary service between the four of them, and as this year was the bicentenary of RNLI Cllr Rappensberger nominated the crew of Lowestoft Lifeboat for Freedom of the Town for their long and outstanding service to Lowestoft's residents, visitors and workforce at sea.

It was clarified that Freedom of the Town would not be awarded to named individuals, instead it would be to the crew who are serving on the day, thus the award would be in perpetuity.

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Cllr Pearce proposed a recommendation be made to Full Council to confer Freedom of the Town on the crew of Lowestoft Lifeboat, with the request for this be approved in time for the announcement to be made by the bicentenary of RNLI on 4th March 2024; seconded by Cllr Pitts; all in favour.

The presentation ceremony of this award would be scheduled for a mutually convenient date in due course.

209. Date of the next meeting

Monday 4 March 2024 – 19:00

210. Items for the next agenda and close

211. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda:

211.1.To consider any legal issues, including those above as required – There were no resolutions.

The Chair closed the meeting at 18:23

Signed:
4 March 2024