

Lowestoft Town Council

Extraordinary Meeting of the Community Safety Committee

Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE

09:00 on Wednesday 12 October 2022

Minutes

Present : Cllrs Peter Lang (Chair), Wendy Brooks, Graham Parker and Andy Pearce.

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public: None.

44. Welcome

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

45. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Page and Cllr Jones. Cllr Pearce proposed acceptance of the apologies received; seconded by Cllr Brooks; all in favour.

46. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

Cllr Pearce declared an interest in agenda item 51 as a member of ESC Community Partnership
Cllr Lang declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 52

47. To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 28 September 2022

Deferred to next meeting

48. Public forum

48.1. There were no members of the public in attendance and no comments had been received in advance of the meeting.

49. To consider funding of intrusive surveys of land (some aspects may be confidential)

This item would be considered in confidential session.

50. To receive an update on the Health and Safety inspection of the Marina Theatre

The report provided by the Health and Safety Consultant had been circulated to members. It was noted that the upgrade of the ventilation system would now be considered as a capital expenditure issue and not a public health and safety issue.

51. To give early consideration to how the Town Council can support the cost of living crisis and warm homes initiative

This item had been discussed at Finance and Governance and asked that this committee endorse their recommendation. For 2022/23 food banks and fridges had been supported and community buildings had now been offered for warm place provision. For the 2023/24 financial year, F&G had considered and agreed that Budget and Loan would consider a budget stream for food relief/community support and this not be dealt with via grant applications. Officers would ask for elevation of this year's warm places initiative and whether it would happen again in 23/24. If there is no provision by the District Council there will be no imitative to fund. The District Council had provided information on how safety would be managed in warmer places given that people will be inside and in close proximity. Members felt this was not detailed enough and further information should be sought on how the safeguarding measures that had been suggested would be encouraged. Use of the Town Council Halls would be subject to further additional risk assessment before any use could take place. It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Brooks; all in favour to bring this item back to the November meeting and to consider any response from East Suffolk Council. Cllr Brooks also asked that East Suffolk Council be pressed on insulating properties in the town.

52. To receive an update on the provision of CCTV in Lowestoft (some aspects may be confidential)

An update had been provided by East Suffolk Council and circulated to members. No discussion took place and as such Cllr Lang did not leave the meeting.

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53. Matters relating to third party assets

This item was an error and should not have been included on the agenda.

54. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 23 November at 3.30 pm

55. Items for the next agenda and close – Cllr Brooks asked for an item to consider the implications of a third McDonalds in the town. Cllr Parker asked for an update on lighting in parks and the Deputy Clerk confirmed that they hoped the Police Officer with a remit for lighting would be able to attend the meeting.

56. 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.

At 9.37 it was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Parker; all in favour to move the meeting into confidential session.

A confidential note of the decisions made regarding agenda item 49 in this part of the meeting was made.

Meeting closed: 09.55



Signed:

23 November 2022