

DISS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the **Council Chamber** at **Diss Corn Hall** on **Wednesday 15th June 2022** at **7.15pm.**

Present: Councillors S. Browne
D. Collins
M. Gingell
S. Kiddie
A. Kitchen
K. Murphy
S. Olander (ex-officio)
R. Peaty
J. Robertson
E. Taylor (ex-officio)
J. Welch
J. Wooddissee

In attendance: S. French (Deputy Town Clerk)
A. Jamieson (Responsible Finance Officer)

FC0622/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Warren.

FC0622/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Minute No.	Councillors Name	Personal/Other Interest	Pecuniary Interest	Reason
FC0622/09	S. Browne J. Wooddissee	X		Both councillors work alongside this voluntary organisation.
FC0622/15	M. Gingell	x		Councillor Gingell has been the Executive representation for this confidential item.

FC0622/03 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 18th May 2022 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Town Mayor.

FC0622/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present and they updated council on his proposals with regards to item 9.

FC0622/05 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

FC0622/06 FINANCE

- a) Members noted bank outgoings for May 2022.
- b) Members noted Income & Expenditure for April & May. Members talked through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the implications that the Neighbourhood Plan would have on future receipt of money received by Council for CIL payments from future developments. Some councillors were not aware of CIL payments. Councillor Peaty explained how these payments were received and why to Council.

- c) Members noted Earmarked Reserves (EMR) for April & May 2022. Councillors wished to know if an EMR can be transferred or removed without warning. Council was informed by the RFO that no EMR could be transferred or removed without a council resolution.

FC0622/07 **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2021/22**

- a) Members approved the annual accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2022 (report ref 05/2223 referred).
- b) The RFO explained to Council that the Internal Auditors report for the financial year to 31st March 2022 had not been received and that she would be in receipt of the report within the next two weeks. It was

RESOLVED: to include this item on the next Executive agenda on 29th June 2022.

FC0622/08 **ANNUAL AUDIT 2021/22**

- a) Members approved the Annual Internal Audit report of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.
- b) Members approved Section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (Annual Governance Statement) for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022.
- c) Members approved Section 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.
- d) Members approved the dates for the notice of public rights and publication of unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

FC0622/09 **COMPOSTER**

George Waterman spoke during the public participation period to members in relation to the feasibility of having composters positioned at the DYCC. George explained that he would like to see Multi Bay wooden bin composters installed at the DYCC as they are the easiest ones to manage, and they will provide better quality and a higher quantity of compost working alongside the community fridge project. Members discussed the composters and the likely position of where they would be best placed at the DYCC considering the existing hirers of the site. It was

RESOLVED: To install the multi bay wooden composters at the DYCC subject to agreement on the location.

(Action: DepTC; within 2 weeks)

FC0622/10 **FIREWORK DISPLAY**

Members considered the principle of scheduling a Diss Town Council firework display in November 2022. Councillors discussed the firework display and whether it would be a great idea considering there are other events similar in the area that would lose revenue and they believed that charities who benefit from these events would lose out on money. It was

RESOLVED: For the Town Clerk and Chair of Facilities undertake a feasibility study of a fireworks event and other events for 2023.

(Action: Town Clerk; 30.11.22)

FC0622/11 **PROGRESS REPORT**

Members noted the progress on decisions made at the last meeting of Council. Council was updated that a response to the new proposed 50m power lines was sent to National Grid. The letter stated that Diss Town Council is extremely concerned over the proposed overhead power transmission line between Norwich and Bramford, that chosen option NB1 is the most damaging in terms of environment and biodiversity and appears to have been chosen on the grounds of cost alone and would result in Diss being almost surrounded by pylons. Option East 9, with an HVDC (offshore) link between Norwich and Grain would be a far more popular route with the residents of Diss.

FC0622/12 **MEMBER FORUM**

Members considered information or issues relevant to Council from members for brief discussion, action, or inclusion on a future agenda. Councillor Olander has received complaints from residents who have not received their cost-of-living payment from District Council and would like the Town Clerk to get an update from District Council regarding these payments.

FC0622/13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7.15pm.

FC0622/14 **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS)**

To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Standing Orders 3d to exclude members of the public and press in order to discuss the following item which is properly considered to be of a confidential nature.

FC0622/15 **COMPLAINT**

Members considered a report following the complaint submitted by Cllr Warren. It was

RESOLVED: to approve recommendations 2 & 3 in the confidential report 09/2223.

(Action: Councillor Gingell immediately)

Meeting Closed: 21:10.

Councillor Taylor
TOWN MAYOR