

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURY ST EDMUNDS TOWN
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.08 PM AT THE
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, 7 ANGEL HILL, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

PRESENT: Cllrs Speed (Chairman), F Warby (Vice Chairman), D Hind, K Hind, Hopfensperger, Murray, Nettleton, P Warby and Williamson.

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Hindry (Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), Julie Sturgeon (Allotments and Administrative Assistant), Acting Inspector Sonia Plume (Suffolk Constabulary), Libby Ranzetta (Bury St Edmunds Rickshaw), Ian Evans (Abbeycroft Leisure), Sarah Whiteman (Revels Outdoor) and two representatives from the Risbygate Residents' Association.

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

A meeting had been held with the Guildhall and a report will be presented at the November Council meeting. St Edmundsbury/Forest Heath Councils' decision regarding its Civic Leadership at the end of November 2018 would enable Members to discuss its plans and options at the December Council meeting.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS THEREFORE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Everitt (holiday), Chung (illness), Hailstone (holiday), Rayner (family commitments), Rout (tied up with other urgent work) and Springett (illness). Cllrs Augustine and Thompson did not send their apologies.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST + ADDITIONS TO REGISTERS

All Borough Councillors when sitting at Town Council level (and vice versa) are advised to declare as follows: "that I may vote differently at Borough Council (*substitute Town Council as and when required*) level from that recorded at this meeting because of the possibility of further information being made available to me at that other tier of local government". Cllrs D Hind, Hopfensperger, Nettleton, Speed, F Warby and P Warby declared a local non-pecuniary interest as Borough Councillors.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN APPLICATION BY A MEMBER FOR A DISPENSATION RELIEVING THE MEMBER FROM EITHER OR BOTH OF THE RESTRICTIONS IN SECTION 31(4) OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 IN CASES DESCRIBED IN THE DISPENSATION AND SPECIFY THE PERIOD FOR WHICH ANY DISPENSATION SO GRANTED HAS EFFECT

None.

5. TO CONFIRM, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES: 26 SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Resolution Record. **BSETC/76/24/Oct/18:**

That the minutes of the 26 September 2018 meeting be agreed and signed as a true record.

A point of order was raised concerning the addition of "After this item the Public may wish to leave" at the end of the 'Public Forum' agenda item. This had been added following members' comments at the September Council meeting that they had felt unable to discuss grant applications with members of the Press & Public present.

The rules around the exclusion of the Press & Public would be discussed at the December Council meeting.

6. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM BURY ST EDMUNDS RICKSHAW

An update was given.

A representative from Abbeycroft Leisure gave a report on the 'Bury Goes Biking' event, which raised over £700 for St Nicholas Hospice and received much positive feedback.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM PCSO ISSUES

Acting Inspector Sonia Plume (Suffolk Constabulary) gave an update regarding redundancies for 'Project 2025', which had been concluded. She advised that the base level for the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team is three Police Community Support Officers and 12 Police Constables (not all of whom are front-line officers) split into three teams on different shifts. There was general frustration at the lack of progress on recruitment of PCSOs.

She indicated that only one person had expressed a preference for the fully funded Town Council role and that person's suitability was being checked. She advised that no one would be fulfilling Council's current fully funded role between the end of October and the end of December 2018 but that a refund would be due for this period.

At the request of the Chairman she spoke briefly about 'County Lines' and asked that residents report any unusual activity in their neighbourhoods via the Police 101 phone number or via email to the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

Representatives from the Risbygate Residents' Association spoke about anti-social behaviour, (including cars racing, loud music, bad language and drug taking) in the arc car park, the multi-storey car park, along Parkway, Risbygate Street and St Andrews Street, which had been reported on many occasions via the Police 101 phone number but no action had been taken. A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is being prepared and an injunction is being considered.

9. CLERK'S REPORT FOR NOTING

Remembrance Sunday it was planned that Councillors would be laying wreaths on the trees at 9.45 am – further details to follow.

10. RFO'S REPORT ON BUDGET LINE ITEMS SHOWING 'YEAR TO DATE' AND OTHER INFORMATION

The report had been revised in line with the budget report that is circulated each month with the bank reconciliation.

11. TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2018 PAYMENTS LIST

Resolution Record. **BSETC/77/24/Oct/18:**

That the October 2018 payments list be approved.

12. TO CONSIDER GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FROM OUR BURYSTEDMUNDS (BID) FOR REVISION ON USE OF GRANT

Resolution Record. **BSETC/78/24/Oct/18:**

That the Chairman enters into discussions with 'Our Bury St Edmunds' BID regarding the use of the grant of £5,000 to provide Christmas attractions in Charter Square throughout December 2018 given that Council does not wish to support the dodgems.

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13. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN (IF ANY) OF THE PLANNING, LICENSING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF:

13.1 26 September 2018

13.2 10 October 2018

Resolution Record. **BSETC/79/24/Oct/18:**

That the minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Finance committee meetings of 26 September 2018 and 10 October 2018 be received.

14. TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE COUNCILLOR INTERNAL AUDITOR'S QUARTERLY INTERNAL AUDIT CHECKLIST COVERING THE PERIOD APRIL TO AUGUST 2018

The Councillor Internal Auditor advised that it was necessary to make provision for insurance valuations in the next Budget.

Resolution Record. **BSETC/80/24/Oct/18:**

That Councillor Internal Auditor's Quarterly Internal Audit checklist covering the period April to August 2018 be approved and adopted

15. MOTION/RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE TEMPORARILY THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was resolved to exclude temporarily the public and press for the remaining items due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning: *Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award selection*.

16. TO AGREE THE CITIZEN AND YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD SELECTIONS

Resolution Record. **BSETC/81/24/Oct/18:**

That Andy Abbott be awarded 'Citizen of the Year 2018'.

Resolution Record. **BSETC/82/24/Oct/18:**

That Chloe Hunter be awarded 'Young Citizen of the Year 2018'.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 7 pm.**

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____