

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURY ST EDMUNDS TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT THE  
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, 7 ANGEL HILL, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Thompson (Town Mayor), Hopfensperger (Deputy Town Mayor), Chung, Higgins, D Hind, K Hind, Iannelli-Popham, Parker, Rayner, Turner, Whittingham and Williamson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Luton (Town Clerk), Sue Hindry (Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), Julie Sturgeon (Allotments and Administrative Assistant), Police Community Support Officer 3350 Mark Ellis, representatives from *Bury St Edmunds and Beyond*, *Greener Growth* and St Nicholas Hospice.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Augustine, Bouché, Everitt, Rout and Waterman.

**2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ADDITIONS TO REGISTERS**

All District Councillors when sitting on the Town Council (and vice versa) are advised to declare as follows: "that I may vote differently at District 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 Chung, D Hind, Hopfensperger, Rayner, Thompson and Williamson declared a local non-pecuniary interest as a District Councillor.

**3. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN APPLICATIONS BY A MEMBER FOR A DISPENSATION, RELIEVING THE MEMBER FROM 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 HAS EFFECT**

None.

**4. TO CONFIRM, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES: 26 JUNE 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/44/24/Jul/19:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting of Wednesday 26 June 2019 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Presentations were received from *Bury St Edmunds and Beyond* in connection with future funding for the Bury St Edmunds Destination Management Organisation and from *Greener Growth* and St Nicholas Hospice in connection with their respective grant funding application.

**6. TO NOTE THE PCSO UPDATE AND ANY OTHER POLICING ISSUES**

An updated crime statistics report was tabled and discussed.

**7. TO NOTE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

Items covered - Pavements and Public Spaces budget expenditure of £84,000 and other developments, and *Anglia in Bloom* judging which had taken place in the town.

**8. TO NOTE THE RFO'S REPORT**

An update on the current financial position was given. Members were encouraged to seek out projects for their locality budgets; the RFO noted we are already a quarter of the way through the financial year.

**9. TO APPROVE THE MONTH: JULY 2019 PAYMENTS LIST**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/45/24/Jul/19:**

That the July 2019 payments list be approved.

**10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING LICENSING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF**

10.1 26 June 2019

10.2 10 July 2019

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/46/24/Jul/19:**

That the minutes of the Planning Licensing and Finance Committee meetings of 26 June 2019 and 10 July 2019 be received.

**11. TO CONSIDER A GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FROM:**

11.1 St Nicholas Hospice Care for £5,653.45 to purchase a new steamer oven.

Motions to make an award, less VAT and delivery; and another for 50% off the total, both fell.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/47/24/Jul/19:**

That grant funding of £5,653.45 be awarded to St Nicholas Hospice Care to purchase a new steamer oven [Local Government Act 1972, s.137].

**12. TO RE-CONSIDER THE GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FROM 'GREENER GROWTH' FOR £7,500 FOR A PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE BIODIVERSITY IN THE TOWN**

Cllr Rayner declared a local non-pecuniary interest as West Suffolk Council Cabinet member with responsibility for the Abbey Gardens.

As resolved at the last meeting, a breakdown of itemised costs in connection with this project had been received and circulated to members.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/48/24/Jul/19:**

That grant funding of £7,500 be awarded to Greener Growth for a project to encourage biodiversity in the town [Local Government Act 1972, s.137].

**13. TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE VACANCY ON THE PLANNING, LICENSING & FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REPLACE CLLR WILLIAMSON**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/49/24/Jul/19:**

That Cllr Waterman be appointed to the Planning Licensing and Finance committee.

**14. TO CONSIDER EXPENDITURE ON REPAIRS TO THE BOER WAR MEMORIAL**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/50/24/Jul/19:**

That the generous offer of assistance for the repair of the Boer War Memorial be accepted [Local Government Act 1972, s.139] and detailed repair costs be investigated, in order to proceed with the work [War Memorials (Local Authorities' Power) Act 1923, s.1].

**15. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING BURY ST EDMUNDS AND BEYOND AFTER THE CURRENT AGREEMENT PERIOD**

Cllr Rayner declared a local non-pecuniary interest as West Suffolk Council's Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs and as West Suffolk Council's Bury St Edmunds Destination Management Organisation (known as Bury St Edmunds and Beyond) Board Member.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/51/24/Jul/19:**

That funding for Bury St Edmunds and Beyond in the sum of £20,000 (i) for the 2020-2021 financial year be approved [Local Government Act 1972, s.144] and (ii) funding for the second and third year be reviewed at the September Council meeting.

**16. TO CONSIDER PROGRESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE JOINT BURY FREE PRESS ST EDMUND'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AND AWARDS**

Nominations had closed for these awards.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/52/24/Jul/19:**

That Councillors Hopfensperger and Williamson participate in judging for determining the winners in the joint Bury Free Press/Town Council Community Awards 2019.

**17. TO APPROVE THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MAYORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A proposal to amend the draft terms of reference to enable the serving Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor to be members of the committee, fell.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/53/24/Jul/19:**

That the draft terms of reference for the Civic Duties Advisory committee be approved.

17.1 To appoint members to the Mayoral Advisory committee

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/54/24/Jul/19:**

That membership of the Civic Duties Advisory committee comprise Councillors Bouché, Chung Higgins, D Hind and Williamson.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 7pm**

The meeting ended at 9.58 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_