

THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 7.30pm at Loughton Library & Town Hall, Traps Hill, Loughton IG10 1HD.

Present:

Councillors:

B Cohen		
P Abraham	R Brookes	C Davies
T Downing	L House	N MacKinnon
S Murphy	S Murray	M Owen
C C Pond	C Pond	
K Rainbow	J Riley	M Stubbings
(from Min No 118.2)		
K Valentine	G Wiskin	D Wixley

Officers:

M Squire (Town Clerk)
P Bryce (Community Manager)

1 x Member of the public

111 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beales, and Jennings.

112 Declarations of Interest

Councillor C C Pond declared a non-pecuniary interest in any Agenda items relating to Essex County Council (ECC) and Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) as he is a member of both councils.

Councillors S Murray and D Wixley declared non-pecuniary interests relating to the Citizens Advice (CA) as they are Trustees and Members of this organisation respectively.

113 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2022 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

114 Public Representations

None were received.

115 Questions Without Discussion

None were received.

116 Town Mayor's / Town Clerk's Report

There were none to report.

117 Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements

Cllr Cohen reported that since the last Council meeting, she had attended the following events:

- Woodland Grove Care Home Loughton Historical Talk

- Loughton Horticultural Show and presentation of the Town Mayor's Best Allotment Competition.
- Essex Heritage Trust Annual Meeting Copped Hall
- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II floral tribute at the War Memorial, Kings Green
- Royal Proclamation of the succession of King Charles III at the Balcony of Town Hall/Library
- Chrysalis Nursery and Pre-school 10 years of being a local independent childcare provider Fun Day
- Official Opening of Rouge Restaurant at New City College – Chadwell Heath campus
- Woodland Grove Care Home – Music Therapy
- YES Partnership Motivation Conference

Cllr Stubbings, Deputy Town Mayor attended the 2nd Anniversary of 3Food4U in Loughton.

Cllrs Cohen, C C Pond and the officers were thanked for their conduct in ensuring the procedures relating to the death of Queen Elizabeth II were carried out correctly.

118 Reports from Committees

118.1 Planning and Licensing

The reports from the meetings held on 25 July, 8 and 30 August, 12 and 26 September and 10 October 2022 were NOTED.

Cllr Murray thanked the Planning Committee for their decision on 121 Roding Road.

Cllr Rainbow joined the meeting during the following item.

118.2 Recreation

The report from the meeting held on 7 September 2022 was NOTED.

Cllr Wixley reported that these were draft minutes and Min RC131 'EFDC Green Infrastructure Strategy Roding Valley Recreation Ground Project' should read that Cllrs S Murray and R Brookes also attended the meeting on the Roding Valley Recreation Ground (RVRG) with EFDC officers. Also that the rationale of the 'Suitable Natural Alternative Green Space' (SANG) should be included

Cllrs MacKinnon and Valentine were thanked for their contribution to the RVRG Playground public consultation and tender process. Min RC132 refers.

118.3 Environment and Heritage

The report from the meeting held on 20 September 2022 was NOTED.

Cllr Murray gave his thanks for the 'Loughton Wombles' initiative (Min No 135.2) refers and added that it was a wonderful community minded team.

118.4 Resources and General Services (RGS)

The report from the meeting held on 5 October 2022 was NOTED.

119 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

119.1 The following reports were NOTED:

- (i) The Broadway Town Centre Partnership Meetings – 14.7.22 and 8.9.22.
- (ii) Essex Association of Local Councils 78th AGM. Held on 22nd September 2022 at Hylands House, Chelmsford – Cllr David Wixley.

Cllr S Murray thanked Cllr R Brookes for chairing the Broadway Town Centre Partnership Meeting. Cllr Brookes reported that permission for her to carry out this role had been given until the end of the year. Councillors asked why the Grant Funding from Loughton Town Council (LTC) to Citizens Advice had not been mentioned at their AGM and why a LTC Councillor had not been invited to attend. Cllr S Murray reported that he attended as a Trustee and Councillor D Wixley attended as a member.

It was agreed that the CA, 'Grant Funding' would be an agenda item on the next RGS Agenda, and a member of the CA would be invited to attend the next Grant Funding meeting.

120 Voluntary Action Epping Forest Warm and Well Sessions – Loughton
Councillors AGREED to make a donation up to £500 to Loughton Voluntary Action Epping Forest to assist with the Warm and Well Sessions being held at St Mary's Church for the residents of Loughton.

**121 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Electoral Review of Epping Forest District Council :Draft Recommendations**
Members discussed in some detail. Cllr C C Pond reported that the suggested parameters of a formal response would be circulated via the Town Clerk in due course, for Councillors to make their views and a proposal would be formulated and ratified at the next appropriate committee meeting before the deadline of 11 December 2022.

Signed:
Date: 20 December 2022