

THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 7.30pm at Loughton Town Council, Council Chamber, 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton IG10 2QZ.

Present:

Councillors:

B Cohen	R Brookes	S Fontenelle
P Abraham	W Kauffman	N MacKinnon
L House	M Owen	C C Pond
S Murray	K Rainbow	J Riley
C P Pond	K Valentine	G Wiskin
M Stubbings		
D Wixley		

Officers:

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

Also present:

Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) Corporate and Data Protection Officer

145 Apologies

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

146 Leave of absence

Members AGREED to extend leave of absence from all Council and Committee meetings for Cllr P Beales until 30 September 2023 on health grounds, Cllr Beales will no longer need to give his apologies for these meetings. Members sent their best wishes to Cllr Beales.

147 Declarations of Interest

None were received.

148 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2023 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

149 Public Representations

None were received.

150 Questions Without Discussion

None were received.

151 Town Mayor's / Town Clerk's Report

The Town Mayor is looking forward to her Civic Celebration taking place on Sunday 26 February, and reminded members to be seated for a prompt start at 3.30pm.

The Town Clerk reported on the following matters;

151.1 Reminded all Councillors of the Annual Town Meeting which is taking place at Murray Hall on 15 March 2023.

151.2 The Local Plan had been approved by the Inspector and will be presented at the Epping Forest District Council Extraordinary meeting to be held on 6 March 2023.

151.3 The Town Clerk referred to the Consultation from City of London on Epping Forest Conservation Proposals, which have just been received and the tight response deadline of Friday 10 March. The Town Clerk will be preparing a response, under delegated authority, on behalf of the Town Council which he will distribute to member for comment before sending off. He will be asking for members for input and the response will be ratified at the next E&H Committee meeting.

152 Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements

Members NOTED the list of the Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements.

153 Reports from Committees

153.1 Planning and Licensing

The reports from the meetings held on 6 and 20 February and were NOTED.

153.2 Environment and Heritage

The report from the meeting held on 24 January 2023 was NOTED. Cllr Murray was pleased to read Min No 168.3 and Min No 173.3 that the Horticultural Show together with the Loughton Day had been agreed and would be taking place on 2 and 16 September respectively.

153.3 Resources and General Services

The report from the meeting held on 8 February 2023 was NOTED. Cllr Murray reported that Loughton Town Council should be very proud of the Financial Grant Awards, Min No. 194.1 and was pleased that 19 local projects will be benefitting from this scheme.

154 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

No reports were presented.

155 Loughton Citizenship Awards 'LCA'

In the recent meeting of the LCA Working Party, some anomalies had been raised, regarding the scope and procedures of the scheme which may need some revamping for the future. Members AGREED that the criteria and other aspects of this award should be reviewed at the next Resources and General Services (R&GS) committee meeting.

In the meantime it was appropriate that certificates of recognition could be awarded to other deserving candidates, who had not received the main award.

Signed:

Date: 25 April 2023