

THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.45pm at Loughton Library & Town Hall, Traps Hill, Loughton IG10 1HD.

Present:

Councillors: S Murray (in the chair)

P Abraham	J Angold-Stephens	T Cochrane
C Davies	T Downing	J Jennings
J Jogia	S Murphy	J Mahoney (from Min no 220)
T Owen	C C Pond	C P Pond
M Stubbings	D Wixley	

Officers: M B Squire (Town Clerk)
B M Smith (Assistant Town Clerk)

Also

present:

1 member of the public(arrived 8.05pm)

The Chairman welcomed Mark Squire, the new Town Clerk, to the Council and wished him well in his new role.

211 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beales, Brookes, Cohen, Latchford Omer and Pewsey. Cllr Mahoney had previously given notice that he may arrive late.

212 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C C Pond declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters concerning Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) and Essex County Council as a member of those councils.

Cllr Murray declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 8.1(i) as a Trustee of the Epping Forest District Citizens' Advice.

213 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2018 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2019 amended from those circulated at Min no 208, to record that Cllr Beales expressed doubts as to the bona-fide of some of the emails received regarding the street lights, were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

214 Public Representations

None were received.

215 Questions Without Discussion

No questions were received.

216 Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements

Cllr Murray reported that since the last Council meeting he had attended the following events:

- Presentation of Christmas card competition winners
- Forest Creative Writers Christmas Party
- Present the Peter Cross memorial award at the RVHS KS 4 awards evening
- Celebration of Christmas by Candlelight
- Woodland Grove Christmas Event
- Restore Community Church Carol Service
- RVHS KS5 awards evening
- Best Dressed Window Competition winner Magnet Shop presentation
- Best Dressed Window Competition winners Hazelwood Interiors presentation and St Clare Hospice Shop Broadway presentation
- St John the Baptist with St Nicholas Nine Lessons and a Carol Service
- Cancer Charity Fundraising at Loughton Chilli
- Roding Valley High School - RIBI Catering competition
- Unveiling of the Blue Plaque, Lord Murray – The Crescent
- LADS – Production of “The Lion in Winter” – Lopping Hall
- YES Partnership WOW Conference – Marriott Hotel
- Loughton Pantomime, Dick Whittington, Red Balloon Family Foundation – Lopping Hall
- YES Partnership WOW Conference – Marriott Hotel
- Epping Forest Schools Careers Fest at New College Borders Lane
- Community Lunch – Oakwood Hill Community Centre for Restore

217 Matters for Report

Cllr C C Pond reported that due to the fact Cllr Pewsey had resigned from the Trust they would need to appoint a new representative to the Lopping Endowment. Cllr Jogia with her relevant experience was nominated, this was AGREED by the Committee.

Cllr C C Pond and the Town Clerk reported that they, along with the Town Council’s nominated barrister and planning advisor had attended the examination in public on 12 February 2019 and a number of influential points focussing on ‘Sustainability Appraisal’ and ‘Legal Compliance’ were made. The full meeting was available to be viewed on the EFDC website.

218 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

218.1 Written reports on the following meetings were NOTED

- i) Epping Forest District Citizens Advice – 16 January 2019 – Cllr Angold-Stephens;

219 Reports from Committees

219.1 Planning and Licensing

The reports from the meetings held on 10 December 2018, 7 and 21 January, and 4 February 2019 were NOTED.

219.2 Recreation

The report from the meeting held on 9 January 2019 was NOTED.

219.3 Environment and Heritage

It was NOTED that the meeting scheduled for 16 January 2019 was postponed.

219.4 Resources and General Services

The reports from the meetings held on 9 January and 6 February 2019 were NOTED.

i. **Min no RG166– Financial Regulations**

The Council NOTED that the Committee carried out the annual review of the Financial Regulations.

ii. **Min no RG169 – Asset Register**

The Council NOTED that the Committee carried out the annual review of the Asset Register.

Cllr Mahoney joined the meeting during the next item.

220 Libraries Consultation

The Council discussed Essex County Council’s consultation on a draft five-year strategy for future library services in Essex (excluding Southend and Thurrock which run their own library services) which was open until 20 February 2019.

Members expressed concern that the Survey did not enable participants to submit comprehensive comments they therefore AGREED that Cllr C P Pond would provide a draft for the Town Clerk to submit to Essex County Council.

221 The Essex County Council (Forest Road, Loughton) (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area)

The Council NOTED the parking amendments proposed by Essex County Council for Forest Road, Loughton and supported the proposals. The Town Clerk would respond to this effect.

Signed:

Date: 24 April 2019