

THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2019 at 7.45pm at Loughton Library & Town Hall, Traps Hill, Loughton IG10 1HD.

Present:

Councillors: S Murphy (In the Chair)
P Abraham R Brookes T Cochrane
C Davies (from Minute no 249) J Jennings
J Jogia K Latchford J Mahoney
S Murray T Owen C C Pond
C P Pond M Stubbings D Wixley

Officers: B Smith (Assistant Town Clerk)
P Bryce (Administrative Assistant)

1 x Member of the public

244 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Angold-Stephens, Beales, Cohen, Dalton, Downing, and Omer.

245 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C C Pond declared a non-pecuniary and non-prejudicial interest in Agenda items 7.1 (Local Plan), 11 (Future of Loughton Library and Town Hall) and any other matters concerning Epping Forest District Council and Essex County Council as a member of those councils, including Agenda item 12.

246 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

247 Public Representations

Malachi Fontenelle thanked the Council for all the work they do for Loughton and representing residents so well especially in the matters of preserving Jessel Green and the libraries.

248 Questions Without Discussion

No questions were received.

Cllr Davies joined the meeting during the next item.

249 Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements

The Town Mayor, Cllr Stella Murphy reported that since the Annual Council meeting, she had attended the following events:

- 150th Birthday celebration cake cutting in Debden Sainsbury's store
- Voluntary Action Epping Forest – Volunteers Week Celebration Event at St John's Church Epping
- LADS performance of "Handbagged" at Lopping Hall
- New City College Epping Forest Summer Creative Festival

- YES Partnership WOW Conference
- St Clare Hospice Open Gardens event at the Willingale Road Allotments
- Loughton Festival 60's & 70's Music Evening at Lopping Hall
- Jessel Green Fun Day
- New City College Epping Forest Learner Awards Evening
- The Rotary Club of Epping "My Art" public exhibition and awards ceremony at St John's Church, Epping
- St Michaels and All Angels Church, Loughton – Installation of Revd Lydia and Mark Petitt as Vicars of St Michaels

Cllr Murray requested it was NOTED that he has had very positive reports regarding these engagements and would like to thank the Town Mayor for all her hard work.

250 Matters for Report

To report any further significant information on matters which have been previously discussed, in addition to those which may already be included on the Agenda.

250.1 Local Plan

Councillor C C Pond provided a general update. Members NOTED that due to additional work/meetings necessitated towards the end of proceedings, the Local Plan budget has been exceeded by £2,000. Members AGREED to meet the extra costs as it is likely there will be further meetings where we will require the assistance of Planning Consultants. This differential will ultimately need to be taken from general reserves or the following year's precept.

Members AGREED to hold a Special Meeting if required, before the next Council meeting and RESOLVED to delegate to the Town Clerk to be ready for any action needed in this regard.

Members thanked Cllr C C Pond for his endeavours in this regard and Cllr Wixley thanked the previous Town Clerk, Enid Walsh for her preparatory work for this consultation.

251 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

251.1 The tabled reports on the following were NOTED.

- i) Larger Local Council Forum – 27 June 2019 – Cllr D Wixley
- ii) Tree Warden Report – 19 June 2019 – Cllr D Wixley

252 Leave of Absence

Members AGREED to continue leave of absence for Councillor P Beales (on health grounds) to the end of November 2019.

253 Reports from Committees

253.1 Planning and Licensing

The reports from the meetings held on 29 April, 20 May, 3 and 17 June and 1 July 2019 were NOTED.

253.2 Recreation

The report from the meeting held on 5 June 2019 was NOTED.

Cllr Murray referred to minute no 131.3.3 regarding the Jessel Green event, and requested it was NOTED that members thanked the Council staff for their hard work in this regard.

253.3 Environment and Heritage

The report from the meeting held on 12 June 2019 was NOTED.

253.4 Resources and General Services

The report from the meeting held on 26 June 2019 was NOTED.

254 Future of Loughton Library & Town Hall

An oral update on current situation was provided, and members expressed considerable doubts about what ECC envisaged. It was AGREED that the Town Clerk write to Cllr Gagan Mohindra (the County Cabinet Member) to arrange a meeting to discuss his proposals for the building and possible alternative approaches.

255 Hillyfields Flood Prevention Works

Following a final site meeting and in-house meeting between all relevant parties, on 2 July 2019, members RECOMMENDED approval of the project to proceed and for the Town Clerk to sign off all associated documentation.

Signed:

Date: **30 October 2019**