

THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11 February 2020 at 7.00pm at Loughton Library & Town Hall, Traps Hill, Loughton IG10 1HD.

Present:

Councillors: S Murphy (In the Chair)

P Abraham	J Angold-Stephens	R Brookes (from Min No 303)
T Cochrane	B Cohen	M Dalton
C Davies	J Jennings	J Jogia
K Latchford	J Mahoney	S Murray
C C Pond	C P Pond	M Stubbings
D Wixley		

Officers: Mark Squire (Town Clerk)
P Bryce (Administrative Assistant)

Also present:

Jack Mitchell and George Lund representatives from EFTAG
PC Chouhan and PC Shram, Epping Forest District Community Policing Team
7 x members of the public

296 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beales, Brookes, Downing, Owen and Pewsey.

297 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Murray declared a non-pecuniary interest in any discussions arising from Item 13.4 report from Committees related to Financial Assistant grants. Cllr C C Pond declared a non-pecuniary and non-prejudicial interest in Item 7 as he was a founding member of EFTAG. Cllr Wixley declared a non-pecuniary and non-prejudicial interest in Item 7 as he had met with EFTAG.

298 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2020 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

299 Public Representations

None were received.

300 Questions Without Discussion

No questions were received.

301 Presentation to Representatives of the Town Mayor's Charities

In recognition of the generous donation of £10,000 from the Joseph and Lilian Sully Foundation, representatives from the Town Mayor's chosen charities who had received a share of the donation were presented with certificates. The charities that benefited were Epping Forest Foodbank, Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and the YES Partnership. The Council formally thanked the Foundation for their generosity.

302 Presentation by Epping Forest Transport Action Group (EFTAG)

A presentation was provided by EFTAG on priority cycle routes in the Epping Forest District.

Cllr Brookes arrived during the next item.

303 Epping Forest District Community Policing Team

PC Anokhi Chouhan and PC James Shram Community Police Officers assigned to Loughton, provided an introduction to local community police officers and their work in the local community. The officers stressed the need for local residents to report criminal or suspicious activity, whether or not they have been personally affected. This will help the police build up a more comprehensive data and evidence base.

304 The Broadway Post Office

The Council NOTED the report and recommended that that Post Office do all they can to keep a Post Office in The Broadway. The Council agreed for the Town Clerk to write a letter to the Post Office to this effect.

305 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:

Forest Creative Writers Christmas Party at Loughton Club, Nine Lessons and Carol Service at St John the Baptist Church, Lighting of the Menorah on Standard Green, St John Fisher Catholic Primary School Opening of Stage and Outdoor Play Area, LADS performance of 'Colder than Here' at Lopping Hall, Spark's Lottery Funding Celebration Loughton Youth Centre, Blue Plaque unveiling Ceremony at Loughton Club, YES Partnership WOW Conferences held at the Marriott Hotel and a Holocaust Memorial Day at Epping Forest District Museum, which was a particularly moving experience.

306 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.

307 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

307.1 The reports on the following were NOTED.

- i) Loughton Broadway Town Centre Partnership – Thursday 9 January 2020 - Lorraine Gibson, Town & Community Development Officer.

Cllr J Jennings spoke in response to note No 4 report that the Debden Traders no longer wish to partake in the Christmas Window competition. She added that the awards are strictly on merit, the competition is for the whole of Loughton and hopes that the council continues to keep it so.

The Council AGREED that this matter should be put on the next Environment and Heritage Committee agenda.

- ii) Citizens' Advice Epping Forest District – Wednesday 15 January 2020 - Cllr J Angold-Stephens.

307.2 Verbal reports were given on the following;

- i) Roding Valley Meadows Consultative Group Meeting 30 January 2020 – Cllr D Wixley.
- ii) Cllr C C Pond reported that the septennial Election of Epping Forest Verderers 2020 are taking place on 26 February with prior nominations on 24 February.

The Council AGREED to exercise its vote for the next election of the Verderers of Epping Forest by delegating this responsibility to the Town Clerk in liaison with the Chairman of the Environment and Heritage Committee.

308 Reports from Committees

308.1 Planning and Licensing

The reports from the meetings held on 9 December 2019, and 6, 20 January, and 3 February 2020 were NOTED.

308.2 Recreation

The report held on 8 January 2020 was NOTED.

308.3 Environment and Heritage

Cllr C C Pond said that since the meeting on 22 January 2020 min no 179.12, thanks to the engagement of Epping Forest District Council the bus route number 87 has been given a further 6 months extension and is hopeful that the bus route will not be withdrawn. He also reported that work was still ongoing with regard to Loughton being included as an Electric Bus town although Loughton may be lower down the list in terms of selection criteria.

Cllr C C Pond was thanked for his efforts on this matter.

308.4 Resources and General Services

The report held on 8 January 2020 was NOTED. The notes from the meeting of 5 February 2020 were deferred until the next meeting as the minutes were yet to be circulated.

The Council NOTED that the Committee carried out its annual review of the Asset Register. A review of the Financial Regulations will take place at the next Resources and General Services Committee meeting.

Signed:

Date: 15 April 2020