

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Southwold, held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Southwold, at 8.00pm on Tuesday 29th April 2014.

PRESENT: Councillor S J Tobin (Town Mayor) (Chairman)
“ Mrs S Allen
“ Mrs T E Baggott
“ Miss E A Betts
“ I R Bradbury
“ Mrs S M Doy
“ Mrs K P Flodin
“ M Ladd
“ R D Temple
“ Mrs M C Tucker
“ J A Windell
“ J R Winter

Also attending: High Steward, Town Clerk, three members of the public and one member of the press.

“My Southwold” provided a presentation to the meeting. Questions were taken as to what percentage of the businesses were part of “My Southwold”. It would appear that 25% of the independent traders were part of the group. They have been approached by the multi-nationals but they are not involved at the present time. Vouchers are sold by Spots and Chapmans.

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies:** Nil.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.*
Cllr Doy, Cllr Flodin and Cllr Allen declared a personal interest in item 5(a) and (b) Planning.
 - b) *To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.*
There were no declarations.
 - c) *To note the decision of the Town clerk regarding requests for dispensations relating to this agenda.*
Not applicable.
 - d) *Councillors to be reminded of the requirement for them to individually update their Register of Interests as appropriate.* Noted.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 25th March 2014 were confirmed and signed.
4. **Standing Orders:** It was proposed, seconded and,

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for the consideration of the following item.

- (a) **To receive a report from Suffolk County Councillor M Ladd:** There were no matters to report.
- (b) **To receive a report from Waveney District Councillors:** Cllr Allen advised that the tramways Tesco application had been decided at full Council at WDC and there will be a recommendation regarding retail categories being made to local MPs. Full details will be supplied in the Minutes of the WDC meeting. WDC councillors felt that there does need to be a change to the law for a separate planning policy for national outlets.
- (c) **To receive a report from the police representative:** A copy of the police report was provided for councillors.
- (d) **To receive comments from Southwold electors:** Congratulations were extended regarding the sowing of the seeds. A question was raised regarding the signage relating to a ban on dogs on the seafront. It was confirmed that WDC have committed to putting signage in place before the summer season starts. It was acknowledged that the dog ban season starts on 1st May.

The Meeting reopened

5. To receive reports from Committees:

a) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 25th March 2014.

The Report was received and noted.

b) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 15th April 2014.

The Report was received and noted.

6. To receive reports from Working Groups:

a) To receive a verbal report from the Finance Working Group.

Cllr Ladd advised that the Finance Working Group had met and considered the first draft of the end of year accounts. There are to be several virements before the accounts are submitted to full Council.

b) To receive report from Highways and Footpaths Working Group meeting of 24th April 2014.

There were no recommendations to consider.

c) To receive report from Leisure and Environment working group meeting of 31st March 2014.

Discussion took place regarding the painting of Mights bridge. There were concerns that the Community Payback Team were supervised and it was acknowledged that this would be the case.

Recommendations as per the report - **it was RESOLVED by all to approve the recommendations.**

d) To receive report from meeting with Anglian Water held on 31st March 2014. Cllr Tobin presented the report.

The meeting was advised that Anglian Water were doing the works required to alleviate problems in Southwold and Reydon. No communication has been

received from the team heading the Blue Flag water quality but this has been chased.

e) *To receive report from Harbour Working Group.*

Cllr Windell advised that scoping work has been taking place.

7. **To receive update from Town Mayor of events attended/ matters to report including;**

Joe's Story at the Boating Lake – 5th April 2014

Blyth Radio. Mayors monthly update – 7th April 2014

Southwold & Reydon Society AGM – 15th April 2014

Opening of Alfred Corry Museum – 17th April 2014

Womens' Institute Mayor's talk – 17th April 2014

Will's World book opening 22nd April 2014

Red Box/Defib opening – 23rd April 2014

SCC Chairman's Reception – 24th April 2014

Bungay Civic Event – 25th April 2014

Annual Town Meeting – 28th April 2014

Mayoral Civic Charity/Organisations

Southwold Sailors Reading Room/Southwold and Reydon Corps of Drums

The Mayor advised that the Sailors Reading Room will be having their 150th celebration this year. From the Mayor's Charity the organisation would be receiving approximately £1800 whilst the Corps of Drums have had a new website created for a similar sum.

Other Matters

CCTV – opening date. The Mayor advised that the opening had been postponed but it was hoped that this would take place before the end of May.

8. **To receive reports from the Town Council representatives on other bodies/organisations, of meetings attended:**

a) *Crime Prevention* – Cllr Doy provided the report. She advised that Select DNA has replaced Smart Water as the preferred means of marking valuables. The police advise that scams and frauds have increased although overall crime has reduced.

b) *Allotments* - Cllr Doy advised that there were five on the waiting list. The Allotment Holders are not going ahead with the eco toilet at the present time.

9. **Southwold Neighbourhood Plan** – *To receive update* – Cllr Windell advised that he had spoken on Blyth Valley Radio regarding the Plan and had also given a presentation at the Southwold & Reydon Society AGM. The meeting was advised that Southwold residents have been very positive about a Southwold Neighbourhood Plan and it was hoped that the initial confusion regarding this has been allayed.

10. **Southwold Town Plan** – *To receive update* – Cllr Windell advised that this is being used on a regular basis by all of the working groups. Cllr Windell also advised that the Reydon Parish Plan is being published and asked whether Southwold Town Council would be receiving a copy.

Cllr Allen asked whether WDC had contacted the Town Council regarding the issues that WDC were to take lead responsibility for. No feedback has been received from WDC in this respect and this will be chased.

11. **Financial Matters**

a) *To receive the Accounts for Payment for April 2014 (circulated to members).* **It was RESOLVED to approve the payments.**

12. **Correspondence:** to note the items as detailed in the general correspondence file together with;

a) *WDC Electoral Services Team Update.* Noted.

b) *Suffolk Strategic Housing Partnership consultation.* Noted.

13. **Urgent Business:** to act upon any matter of a non-financial urgency, within the meaning of the Standing Orders, which may be brought to the attention of the Town Council with the consent of the Town Mayor previously obtained.

14. **Exclusion of Public and Press:** Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following;

a) *To consider nominations for Citizen of the Year 2014.* The nominations were duly considered. Vote taken. Award will be presented at the Charter Lunch.

b) *To receive update from the Landlords working group.* There were no recommendations to consider.

15. **To confirm date of next Town Council Meeting:** Tuesday 27th May 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

_____ TOWN MAYOR 27th May 2014