

MINUTES of the **CIVIC & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr D Savage (Chairman) Cllr S Bloomfield
 Cllr S Gallant (Vice-Chairman) Cllr P Coleman
 Cllr C Barham Cllr T Green

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Wyatt (Level Two Youth Project)
 Ms S Southernwood (Level Two Youth Project)
 Mr J Cresswell (FVCPRS)
 Sgt. 733 Peter Street (Felixstowe and District SNT)

209. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr Jon Garfield, Cllr J Vartan, Cllr S Wiles** and **Cllr K Williams**.

210. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bloomfield Cllr P Coleman Cllr S Gallant Cllr T Green Cllr D Savage	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council)

211. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

212. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Civic & Community Committee meeting held on 17 June 2015 be signed as a true record.

213. PRESENTATION: LEVEL TWO YOUTH PROJECT

The Chairman invited Mr S Wyatt and Ms S Southernwood from the Level Two Youth Project to address the Committee.

Mr Wyatt expressed thanks on behalf of the group and outlined how Level Two had benefited from the support given by the Town Council since it resolved to increase its funding provision in the current year.

Members heard that core funding support had given Level Two a platform from which to apply for further funding which had resulted in a significant grant award from the National Lottery for new work.

Ms Southernwood advised that the lottery grant would enable detached work, increased early intervention and an expanded mentoring provision. It was noted that the mentoring work had been evaluated by SCC and rated highly.

Members asked whether Level Two were consulted on new mental health strategies. Ms Southernwood advised that Level Two were identifying a gap in local provision which they could be in a position to fill.

Committee heard that the lottery funding would provide for 11 hours per week of additional paid and volunteer mentors who would be fully trained.

On a question from Members as to how contact with young people is identified and communicated, Ms Southernwood advise that sessions were delivered to Year 6 students at all seven junior schools in the area. Communication was through the Level Two website, social media and noticeboards at Felixstowe Academy. However, detached work allowed Level Two to work directly with young people wherever they happened to be, rather than being restricted to the drop-in sessions.

Ms Southernwood concluded the presentation by inviting Members to visit Level Two at a future date.

Committee recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Wyatt and Ms Southernwood for the presentation and expressed its appreciation for the valuable work carried out by Level Two.

RESOLVED that the report from the Level Two Youth Project be noted.

214. PRESENTATION: FELIXSTOWE VOLUNTEER COAST PATROL RESCUE SERVICE

The Chairman invited Mr J Cresswell from the Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service to address the Committee.

Mr Cresswell expressed his thanks to the Town Council for encouraging him to begin the service many years ago and for its support ever since.

Members heard how FVCPRS was separate from the RNLI and the range of services carried out by the volunteer group which were not covered by the coastguard. Mr Cresswell advised that FVCPRS was able to be highly responsive during peak hours as there was no launch delay and a 12 hour patrol at weekends.

Mr Cresswell described the recent challenge of obtaining the necessary funding to continue the service and commented on the significant public support and campaigning across the town which had raised £9,000 to this date. Members were delighted to note that this support would guarantee a continued service for at least another year. However it was noted that there were still challenges being faced which included finding long-term covered storage for the rescue boat and attracting new volunteers.

Members advised that Mr Cresswell consider how the governance of FVCPRS could be reviewed to open the door to further funding opportunities.

Committee recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Cresswell for the presentation and for the hard work by all at the Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service.

RESOLVED that the report from the Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service be noted.

215. CCTV REPORT

Sgt. Peter Street presented a CCTV report for the quarter April - June 2015. Members noted that there were now a total of nine volunteers monitoring the system. Some of the new cameras had been installed at the seafront gardens and were working well.

Sgt. Street advised that the CCTV contractor had provided a service report and training to the volunteers and it was noted that this would continue on a quarterly basis.

Members suggested that a site visit would be welcomed once all the new cameras were online and the upgrades to the system had taken effect. Sgt. Street agreed to liaise with the Town Clerk to arrange this in due course.

Committee recorded a vote of thanks to Sgt. Street for his report.

It was RESOLVED that the CCTV report for the quarter April - June 2015 be noted.

216. CIVIC & COMMUNITY BUDGET REPORT

The Committee considered a summary and detailed report showing income and expenditure against budget to 10 September 2015.

RESOLVED that the Budget Report to 10 September 2015 be received and noted as presented with no other action required at this time.

217. FELIXSTOWE-HARWICH-SHOTLEY FERRY

Committee received figures for ferry crossings for the period April-August 2015.

Members remarked on the increase to the number of passengers since the new operator had taken over the service and noted that additional crossings were being scheduled to meet demand.

RESOLVED that the report on the Felixstowe-Harwich-Shotley Ferry be noted.

218. COMMUNITY PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

Committee considered the provision of a CPAD in the telephone kiosk at the Triangle.

Members supported the principle of providing a CPAD, subject to confirmation that there were no other publically accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the town centre.

Following discussions around onward liability to Council for the kiosk, the Clerk was instructed to investigate further and bring an estimation of cost and alternative locations to Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that a decision on this matter be deferred to the next meeting pending further information.

219. FLAG FLYING PROGRAMME

Committee considered the possibility of flying the Union Flag from the flagpole at Arwela Road on designated dates in 2016/17.

Members expressed concerns over the additional burden on staff and the risk to Council's reputation if a date was missed for any reason. It was suggested that there could be a local representative/group that may wish to take on the role of 'official flag raiser' and it was agreed that this should be investigated.

Members also agreed that flag-raising be limited to officially designated occasions in the first instance, with additional events considered separately as appropriate. It was noted that Council had recently resolved to participate in a national celebration of Commonwealth Day by raising the Commonwealth flag in March 2016.

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council follow the Government issued calendar of designated days for Union Flag flying from Municipal Year 2016/17.

220. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 9.27pm. The next meeting was noted as being scheduled for Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 7.30pm.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____