

**MINUTES** of the **CIVIC & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe  
Town Hall on **Wednesday 20 April 2016** at **7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Savage (Chairman)                      Cllr T Green  
                 Cllr S Gallant (Vice-Chairman)                Cllr J Vartan  
                 Cllr C Barham    Cllr S Wiles  
                 Cllr P Coleman                                         Cllr K Williams  
                 Cllr Jon Garfield

**OFFICERS:** Mr A Tadjirishi (Town Clerk)

**575. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Bloomfield**.

**576. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cllr P Coleman Cllr S Gallant Cllr T Green Cllr D Savage	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council)
Cllr K Williams	580	Local Non-Pecuniary (as son is a Member of Felixstowe Corinthians Cricket Club)
Cllr C Barham	580	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of Felixstowe Hockey Club)

**577. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were none.

**578. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the **Minutes of the Civic & Community Committee meeting held on 17 February 2016 be signed as a true record.**

**579. BUSINESS PLANNING 2016-2020**

Members considered potential objectives for the Civic & Community Committee as part of Council's draft Business Plan for 2016-2020.

Alongside several minor amendments, Committee requested that Community Emergency Planning be included within the objectives as a Working Group had been set up recently to consider this.

**It was RESOLVED that, subject to the amendments discussed being incorporated, the draft objectives be approved for inclusion in the Plan and recommended to F&GP for further consideration in due course.**

## **580. SECTION 106 SPORTS FUNDING PROPOSALS**

Committee considered project proposals for funding via the Section 106 Sports pot as follows:

Felixstowe & Walton United Football Club: £5,000  
(Towards total project costs est. at £528,556 for Clubhouse and Changing Room Development)

Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club and Felixstowe Hockey Club: £10,000  
(Towards total project costs est. at £590,000 for Clubhouse and Pitches)

Felixstowe Rugby Football Club: £5,000  
(Towards total project costs est. at £75,000 for Match Floodlights)

**It was RESOLVED that the projects be endorsed and it be recommended to Suffolk Coastal District Council that approval be given for use of Section 106 Sports funding as proposed.**

## **581. QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Committee considered further opportunities to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in June.

Members discussed various options and it was agreed that the Town Hall should be opened on Sunday 12 June 2016 for a public event.

It was noted that the Felixstowe Beach Huts and Chalets Association were also planning an event for the same weekend.

**RESOLVED that a Working Group consisting Cllr D Savage, Cllr S Gallant, Cllr K Williams and the Town Clerk be formed with the scope to make arrangements for an event at the Town Hall on Sunday 12 June to join in with celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

## **582. ICE RINK: CHRISTMAS 2016**

It was noted that Council had approved the principle of providing an ice rink in the run up to Christmas and had delegated authority to the Civic & Community Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The Clerk advised that a 25% deposit would need to be paid to the operator to secure the rink booking at this stage. Members asked that the layout and ancillary attractions be reviewed in order to maximise the potential of the site at Great Eastern Square.

**RESOLVED that the deposit payment of £1,767 (inc. VAT) be approved in order to secure the rink; and, a report on further arrangements for the event to be brought to Committee in due course.**

### **583. ANNUAL GRANTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

Committee noted the schedule of approved grants and other payments to local organisations supported by the Council.

Committee understood that a review of the governance and sustainability of Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service was pending.

**RESOLVED that the Annual Grant to Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service be approved subject to confirmation that a pending review of the governance and sustainability of this organisation be confirmed as completed; and, all other payments approved as per the schedule in the report.**

### **584. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Committee reviewed Council's Community Engagement Strategy for 2016/17.

It was proposed that the Strategy be updated to reflect how Council was also using social media as an additional means of communication and to reference the opportunity for public speaking at the main committee meetings as per the recent recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**RESOLVED that, subject to the above amendments being incorporated, the Community Engagement Strategy for 2016/17 be recommended to Council for adoption as presented.**

### **585. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 9.06pm. The next meeting was noted as being scheduled for Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 7.30pm.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_