



## **258. DISABILITY ADVICE SERVICE**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Simpson, Trustee to the Disability Advice Service, to the meeting and invited him to address the Committee.

Mr Simpson explained how he had become a Trustee to DAS having initially been a client. Members heard that at their Annual Stakeholder meeting, DAS had identified an aspiration to raise the profile of their service with town and parish councils.

It was noted that DAS was a registered charity that had been established for 32 years and provided a specialist disability service for unique cases. DAS represented clients of all ages and Members heard that in Felixstowe over 22% of their clients were more than 60 years old.

DAS were seeking to build on their current partnerships with the Citizens Advice, SNAP Homegroup and the MS Society, in order to further increase awareness and capacity of the service. Mr Simpson advised that DAS had achieved a total increase of £2,307,000 in benefits to their clients in the Suffolk Coastal area in 2016, £0.5m of which was attributable to Felixstowe.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Simpson confirmed that DAS represented clients with a variety in severity of disability, both temporary and permanent, who would either be self-referring or coming to them via other agencies.

Members advised that DAS may be able to raise further awareness via the Emotional Wellbeing Hub that was due to be launched by Suffolk County Council in January 2018. Mr Simpson was also recommended to liaise with the integrated neighbourhood team.

The Chairman thanked Mr Simpson for attending the meeting.

**RESOLVED that the briefing from Mr Andrew Simpson, Trustee to the Disability Advice Service, be noted.**

## **259. CIVIC & COMMUNITY BUDGET REPORT**

The Committee considered a summary and detailed report showing income and expenditure against budget to 13 September 2017.

**RESOLVED that the Budget Report to 13 September 2017 be received and noted as presented with no other action required at this time.**

## **260. ANNUAL GRANTS 2018/19**

Committee considered applications for on-going funding support from a number of local partner organisations.

It was **RESOLVED** that at this stage the following should be included as part of the recommendations for the 2018/19 budget:

**As Annual Grants:**

Art on the Prom	£1,250
Citizen's Advice Bureau	£1,500
Felixstowe Carnival	£1,500
Felixstowe Council for Sport and Recreation	£200
Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service	£1,500
Landguard Fort	£1,000
Wesel Twinning Association	£200
Salzwedel Twinning Association	£200
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,350</b>

**Through Community Fund Projects:**

Level Two	£10,000
Landguard Partnership	£1,000
Harwich Harbour Ferry Services Partnership	£1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,000</b>

**261. CCTV REPORT Q1 2017/18**

Committee considered a report on CCTV. Members confirmed that, following attendance at a recent meeting held at the police station, the system was running well.

Members offered to promote the opportunity for further volunteer CCTV operators to be trained by the police in using the system via Social Media.

A visit to a CCTV control room at Worstead Park was being planned for Members later in the year to demonstrate how other systems were being used.

**RESOLVED** that the Q1 2017/18 CCTV report be noted as received.

**262. HARWICH HAVEN FERRY SERVICES : PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Committee noted that the existing partnership agreement was coming to an end and considered potential future arrangements.

It was agreed that the principle of extending the current agreement on the same terms for a further two years should be supported.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with Harwich Town Council to establish their potential involvement with the project.

Members asked whether a contribution towards a launching/landing point at Felixstowe might be an appropriate use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds. The Clerk advised that this could be an appropriate use if permission for such a project were to be supported by the relevant authorities. Proposed sites for this were subject to complex land ownership and port-affected matters.

**It was RESOLVED that the Clerk represent the Town Council at the forthcoming meeting of the Harwich, Shotley and Felixstowe Ferry Partnership with a view to supporting a further two-years funding towards the Partnership on similar terms.**

**263. SUFFOLK DAY 2018**

Committee considered the Council's participation in Suffolk Day 2018.

**RESOLVED that the Council should participate in Suffolk Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 by the raising of the St. Edmunds flag; and, that Committee would consider further ideas towards this event in due course.**

**264. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (SENSITIVE INFORMATION)**

Committee considered that, in accord with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1 (2), due the sensitive nature of the business which was to be transacted, it was advisable that the press and public be temporarily excluded.

**It was RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded and instructed to withdraw.**

**265. CIVIC MOURNING PROTOCOL**

Members considered the draft Civic Mourning Protocol as presented.

**RESOLVED that the Civic Mourning Protocol be approved as presented; and, authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to obtain any necessary items for the purpose of Civic Mourning and arrange for a review of the Protocol each year.**

**266. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting was noted as being scheduled for Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 7.30pm.

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