

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, SUDBURY, ON TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023 AT 7.12PM**

Present: Ms E Murphy – Mayor of Sudbury, in the CHAIR.

Mr N Bennett	Mr A Osborne
Ms J Carter	Mrs J Osborne
Mr T Cresswell	Miss A Owen
Mr P Faircloth-Mutton	Mr J Owen
Mr S Hall	Mr T Register

Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd – Deputy Town Clerk

At the start of the meeting, the Mayor announced the sad passing of Lord Andrew Phillips. He would be greatly missed by all who knew him. Sincere condolences were offered to his wife Penelope and their children.

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Antill and Mrs S Ayres.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors T Cresswell, A Osborne, J Osborne and A Owen declared that they were Babergh District Councillors. Councillor J Carter and Mr P Faircloth-Mutton declared that they were Suffolk County Councillors.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality.

4 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 27th March 2023 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

6 **ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

A copy of the action report is shown at minute page 169.

RECOMMENDED

That the contents of the report be noted.

7. REPORTS – PUBLIC FORUM

No members of public were present.

8 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

Planning and Development on 13th March - The Chairman advised that an application had again been submitted for a residential development off Melford Road. The committee again raised concerns over the visibility of entering and exiting the site.

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT.

Planning and Development on 27th March

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT.

Leisure and Environment on 28th March.

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT.

Finance on 4th April 2023 – The Chairman advised members that the committee had discussed purchasing electric vans for the Community Wardens. It was recommended that due to the large cost involved, this should be a decision made by the new council.

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT.

9. TO APPROVE THE FORMAT AND EXPENDITURE FOR PARTY IN THE PARK

Members discussed the format for Party in the Park with the associated estimates of expenditure and income. County Councillors Ms J Carter and Mr P Faircloth-Mutton confirmed that they were contributing £700 each from their locality funds. A copy of the costings sheet is shown at minute page 170.

It was suggested that, in future, volunteers could be asked to help run the event to keep staffing costs down, although many other members felt that it was important to employ council staff to supervise the event.

RESOLVED

That, under the power of the Local Government Act 1972, s145, members approve expenditure of up to £5,055 excluding VAT, for Party in the Park.

10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she had started the Fun Run on Good Friday and presented the trophies. She had also visited the Rowing Club to launch the start of their season. The following comments were also made within the Mayor's announcements:

- An email had been received from Babergh District Council advising that due to the strong winds that were forecast, more of the Kingfisher Car Park near the solar panels would be cordoned off for safety.
- An email from the Watch Manager at Sudbury Fire Station had raised concerns that the traffic congestion in town was causing delays to firefighters. Their response time should be 4 minutes, but with the current road works, they were being delayed by up to 20 minutes. This would have a knock-on effect on their response figures at the end of the year.
- A van had been stolen from the rear of Borehamgate Precinct. Members were unclear as to how the police could use any CCTV footage to investigate this.
- A temporary post office was being established within the Innovation Labs in Borehamgate. This could be open from Monday 17th April.

RESOLVED

That the Mayor be thanked for her report.

7.40pm – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS) That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2), the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in item 11 as the publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

11. RESPONSE TO THE MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT

See the Private and Confidential report shown at minute page 172.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 7.45pm.

Chairman.....