

MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY JULY 6TH 2021 AT CASS HALL, KING STREET, DRIFFIELD.

Present: Councillors J Fletcher, P Rounding, M Blakeston, G Lucas, M Rogers, S Starrett, G Helliwell, A Coleman, P Stocker, C Scarlett, A Croft, S Fletcher and the Town Clerk Mrs C. Binnington.

53/21 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr T Watson, Cllr M Garrard, Cllr K McLeod, Cllr K Stack

54/21 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr P Rounding declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute Number 63/21 as he is Chair of Driffeld Youth Action.

Cllr J Fletcher declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute Number 63/21 as she is on the committee of Driffeld Youth Action.

Cllr P Stocker declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute Number 63/21 as he is Treasurer of Driffeld Youth Action.

55/21 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:

There were none.

56/21 Questions, Matters of Accuracy and Observations on the Town Council Minutes of June 1st 2021:

There were none.

57/21 Adoption of the Town Council Minutes of June 1st 2021:

The minutes were adopted with all in favour.

58/21 Clerk & External Funding Officer Update:

The clerk reported that interviews had taken place earlier in the day for the Town Centre Officer with three excellent candidates. Fiona, the External Funding Officer had also successfully bid for £10K from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the launch of the Wold Rangers Way.

59/21 Town Bounce Back update:

The attached report was acknowledged.

60/21 Update on the Alfred Bean Hospital Steering Group/Project Group:

The clerk reported that due to Cllr M Blakeston's work commitments a Steering Group meeting could not now be held until Friday July 16th. The next meeting of the Healthy Towns Group was on the 14th so a full update would be given.

61/21 To consider a request from Driffeld Town Football Club for a donation from the Small Grant Fund:

The new football club was welcomed, however the clerk was asked to inform them that once they were affiliated to the FA and had their own bank account in operation then their request would be considered.

62/21 To consider launching a press campaign to encourage residents to phone 101:

After considerable discussion it was agreed with all in favour that a poster be designed to encourage residents to ring the police to report instances of crime, anti social behaviour etc which could be promoted on our social media platforms.

63/21 To consider a resolution to seek external funding for Drifffield Youth Action:

It was agreed with all in favour that the External Funding Officer meet with the Drifffield Youth Action committee and to plan a way forward and identify potential projects for which funds could be acquired and also release the £10K earmarked for youth projects in the DTC's match funding budget.

64/21 To consider the future of Cass Hall as a performance space/community cinema venue:

The recent Commonplace Engagement consultation had highlighted the positive response to the idea of the provision of a community cinema. DWCC had identified Cass Hall as an ideal venue and there was funding available from various sources to pursue this further. It was agreed with all in favour that this idea be explored for the Cass Hall.

65/21 To consider the Forward Plan:

Councillors were to attend the information day at the Community Centre and the clerk to attend an online seminar and formulate a response.

66/21 To consider a resolution to suspend standing orders and hold meetings in August:

It was agreed with all in favour to suspend standing orders and hold any necessary meetings in August to enable the clerk to forward council business efficiently.

67/21 Adoption of the CCTV Minutes of June 24th 2021:

Cllr J Fletcher presented the minutes for adoption.

The minutes were adopted with all in favour.

68/21 Highway Matters:

A grit bin for the road to Cowlam on Spellowgate was requested

69/21 Responsible Financial Officers Report and Bank Reconciliations & Budget Spend to Date Report:

The Responsible Officers Report and bank reconciliations and budget spend to date report were agreed with 11 in favour and 1 abstention.

70/21

Delegates Reports:

Wold Rangers Way: Cllr M Blakeston reminded council that the WRW would be launched officially on Saturday August 7th 2021.

71/21

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday September 7th at 7.30pm.

72/21

To agree a resolution to go into Confidential:

This was agreed with all in favour.

73/21

Number 43 Project:

The clerk explained that after consideration with regard to the amount of work involved in a loan application, agreed at the last meeting, it would perhaps be more prudent to ascertain if the owner of the premises was willing to negotiate a sale around the figures presented by the two independent valuations. She had emailed the owner but was yet to hear back from him.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.

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