

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Budget and Loan Sub-Committee
Via Video Meeting
14:00 on 9 November 2020

MINUTES

Video meeting participants: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Alan Green (Chair), Graham Parker and Andy Pearce

Also participating: Shona Bendix (Clerk), James Cox (Finance and Administration Assistant) and Lauren Elliott (Committee Clerk)

35. Welcome

Councillors and members of the public were reminded of the right to report and the application of the video meeting protocol, and the meeting was welcomed. Confidential early on.

36. Apologies for absence

There were none. Cllr Barnard was in attendance at the meeting as substitute for Cllr Coleby.

37. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

There were none.

38. Receipt of any comments and noting that the draft minutes of the meetings on 26 October 2020 will be considered at the next appropriate meeting

There were no comments and the draft minutes were noted.

39. Any advance comments from the public on any matters on this agenda

There were none.

40. Noting that the Standing Orders and Policies Sub-Committee are considering Committee and Sub-Committee structures and Terms of Reference, and considering whether to submit any comments

The review will be taking place in January. It was requested that from next year, a mechanism be set up to allow the other Committees and Sub-Committees to provide this Sub-Committee with details of their priorities and plans for the coming year, to coincide with the beginning of the budget-setting process.

41. The 2020 – 2021 Lowestoft Town Council Budget, including the following:

41.1 The adequacy of the Repairs and Maintenance budget (confidential) – To be discussed during the confidential session.

42. The 2021 – 2022 Lowestoft Town Council Budget, including the following:

42.1 Receipt of information on which aspects of the budget are contractual and non-negotiable, and considering how this will inform the precept (confidential) – To be discussed during the confidential session.

42.2 How and when to proceed with the purchase of replacement Mayoral robes (confidential) – To be discussed during the confidential session.

42.3 Future funding of the Marina Theatre (confidential) – To be discussed during the confidential session.

42.4 Future funding of the Norse contract (confidential) – To be discussed during the confidential session.

42.5 Whether any charges will be imposed for the use of the Town Council's sports and leisure facilities (confidential) – To be discussed during the confidential session.

43. Date of the next meeting

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44. Items for the next Agenda and Close

There were no requests for items to be added to the next agenda.

Cllr Pearce proposed moving the meeting into confidential session; seconded by Cllr Barnard; all in favour. The Chair thanked those who had been viewing the meeting via live stream and the live stream was closed as the meeting went into confidential session. It was confirmed the meeting would end following the confidential session.

45. Resolution to close the meeting to the public

41. The 2020 – 2021 Lowestoft Town Council Budget, including the following:

41.1 The adequacy of the Repairs and Maintenance budget (confidential) – There was a confidential discussion about the Norse contract and Service Level Agreement, the current status of the repairs and maintenance budget, and planned works.

42. The 2021 – 2022 Lowestoft Town Council Budget, including the following:

42.1 Receipt of information on which aspects of the budget are contractual and non-negotiable, and considering how this will inform the precept (confidential) – Each budget heading was reviewed in turn and there were confidential discussions about the budget provisions.

42.2 How and when to proceed with the purchase of replacement Mayoral robes (confidential) – It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next agenda.

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The Chair closed the meeting 16:02.


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