

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Community Safety Committee
Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE
15:30 on Wednesday 28 September 2022

Minutes

Present : Cllrs Peter Lang (Chair), Wendy Brooks, Jen Jones, Paul Page and Andy Pearce.

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public: None.

31. Welcome

The fire evacuation procedure and public right to report were explained and the meeting was welcomed.

32. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Parker. Cllr Pearce proposed acceptance of the apologies received; seconded by Cllr Page; all in favour.

33. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

Cllr Brooks declared local non-pecuniary as a Town Councillors for the Gunton Ward
Cllr Pearce declared a local non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 38.1

34. To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 27 July 2022

Cllr Pearce proposed acceptance of the minutes; seconded by Cllr Jones; all in favour except Cllr Brooks who abstained from the vote.

35. Public forum

35.1. There were no members of the public in attendance and no comments had been received in advance of the meeting.

36. To review any expenditure by this Committee from its delegated budget

The Committee were provided with the current budget position.

37. Measures to improve the security of Town Council assets including the following:

37.1. Vandalism and Crime record – the updated record was noted which included three matters being brought to the Council's attention.

38. Defibrillators:

38.1. Direct funded defibrillator for the Gainsborough Drive Pond area

It was noted that this item, which had originally been suggested by a resident, had not progressed to date needed to be part of an assessment of priority areas for defibrillators. It was agreed, where feasible, all Town Council open spaces should have a defibrillator but consideration of distance to any existing defibrillator needs to be considered. It was further proposed that all councillors should submit their suggestions for locations as detailed above and that the Allotments Association be contacted to ask for any allotment sites they would prioritise for a defibrillator, particularly those with restricted access. Proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Pearce; all in favour.

38.2. To consider a budget recommendation for defibrillator provision in the 2023/24 financial year.

It was noted that the budget recommendation currently was a commitment to provide at least two direct funding and five match funded and it was agreed that the policy should be amended to up to four direct funded defibrillators and any match funded requests would be dealt with through grant applications and a budget of £10,000 plus an allowance for inflation should be set. Proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Jones; all in favour.

39. Vehicle Activated Signs

It was noted that work was ongoing assessing a list of possible sites against the criteria set by Suffolk Highways.

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40. Matters relating to third party assets:

- 40.1. Multi agency working for highway arrangements and road safety outside schools – it was noted with disappointment that engagement with the County Councillor had been lacking on attempts by the Town Council to advocate for improvements to safety outside of schools. It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Page; all in favour, to send a follow up email to the County Councillor (cabinet member for children and young people) to facilitate a discussion at the earliest convenience and to ask the Community Engagement Police Officer for Lowestoft for reassurance that measures are being taken to enforce safety around schools.
- 40.2. Progress on arrangements for multi-agency meeting regarding use of Old Hospital site and provision of healthcare services in Lowestoft – this item would be carried forward pending a response from NHS Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care Board. *Since the meeting, and prior to publication of these minutes a date of 14 October had been agreed for the meeting.*

41. To consider the sale of land at Turnberry Close (some aspects may be confidential)

This item would be considered in confidential session.

42. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 23 November at 3.30 pm

It was also agreed to hold an extraordinary Committee meeting to consider time sensitive matters' namely; warm homes initiative and consideration of how LTC can support the cost of living crisis, health and safety inspection report of Marina Theatre and intrusive surveys of land (confidential matter). This would take place on Wednesday 12 October at 9.00 am.

43. **Items for the next agenda and close** – items for next agenda would be set at the extraordinary meeting.

44. **To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda.**

At 16.25 it was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Page; all in favour to move the meeting into confidential session.

It was noted that measures had been introduced at the land at Turnberry Close which may alleviate the problems being experienced by residents. The Council had a precedent not to sell land. The residents would be informed of the measures taken and asked to monitor the situation.

Meeting closed: 17.05



Signed:

23 November 2022