

Pre-meeting Reports
4 October 2016

108. Mr Tom McGarry, EDF.

The Chairman introduced Mr Tom McGarry, EDF who updated the meeting on the New Nuclear Build programme. The full notes are attached at the end of these minutes but the main thrust of the brief was that Stage 2 consultation was drawing a lot closer now that the Financial Investment Decision had finally been taken for Hinkley.

During questions Cllr Howard asked about the archaeological work currently going on at the Hacheston/Wickham Market site (for the proposed Southern Park and Ride). Cllr Taylor asked about the Statement of Community Consultation - Mr McGarry confirmed that EDF currently had the document and were looking at the comments from SCDC and SCC. EDF were inclined to consult for 8 weeks but SCC had requested 12. The final document will be issued soon and there is a requirement for EDF to give 10 working days' notice before the consultation (Stage 2) starts.

Cllr Taylor enquired about an EPR being built in Taishan, China and possible problems with construction there (and elsewhere) – Mr McGarry undertook to find out the answers. He also undertook to find out for Cllr Harle what Mr Porritt was referring to in his recent talk regarding the contractual terms with the British Government. Cllr Hodgson asked about, and received a detailed response on how the confidential discussions worked with the statutory consultees at SCDC. In broad terms, the responsible officers engaged in technical workshops with EDF Energy. Councillors on the JLAG are briefed on the workshops in confidence because this is still draft work in progress. The outcomes are presented in the public domain, once finalised, during the formal public consultation stages. Mr McGarry explained the three rail options set out in Stage 1 to Cllr Ginger after a query about the Crown farm field. Finally, Cllr Taylor asked Mr McGarry to pass on members thanks to Mrs Brinkley for her all her work, especially on the Aldhurst Habitat Creation Scheme.

109. County Councillor

Cllr Smith reported that he had attended several events in the parish during October including the 1379 (Leiston) Squadron ATC Presentation Evening where he had been able to present the Squadron with £1,000 toward the purchase of some air rifles. Also, at an assembly at the Alde Valley Academy he was pleased to have presented the school with £1,500 toward the purchase of a Poster Printer. He gave his congratulations to the Long Shop for their success at the Museum of the Year Awards and confirmed his attendance at the Leiston Festival of Remembrance on 9th November. A cadet will lay a wreath on his behalf on Remembrance Sunday as it his turn to attend Aldeburgh's ceremony this year. On devolution, he gave a short brief on the ongoing process with some clarity probably being gained after the Counties and Districts meet and vote later this month.

The County Budget would be published on the 21st November with a consultation event taking place at SCDC offices on 28th November.

There were questions on the progress in replacing the bent bollards at the town centre crossroads and the re-instatement of the works on the High Street. These would hopefully be done before Christmas and it was noted that, with the Christmas Fayre due on 3rd December, an eye had to be kept open to ensure there was no conflict. Cllr Taylor received assurance that the social services

budget and social care budget would not be cut this year and Cllr Harle was assured that the broadband update to fibre in Ashfield Drive would be completed by March.

Giving his apologies for the December meeting Cllr Smith wished members and the meeting a Merry Christmas.

During the above item, the time reached 7.30pm, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger and seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the public session to complete.

110. District Councillor

Cllr Cooper and Cllr Pratt tendered their apologies. Cllr Cooper supplied a report for the meeting which members (and residents) appreciated.

111. Police report

The Chairman drew attention to the short report on the table from Sgt Beresford regarding the ongoing Police operations in the Town.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on
TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2016 at 7.35pm**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs L Hill (in the Chair)
Councillor D Bailey
Councillor Mrs S Betson
Councillor D Boast
Councillor Mrs S Geater
Councillor C Ginger
Councillor P Harle
Councillor T E Hodgson
Councillor W M Howard
Councillor J Last
Councillor Mrs S Levermore
Councillor D Morsley
Councillor C Nichols
Councillor M Taylor**

112. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 4 October 2016 be signed as a true record with an amendment to minute 97 to just remove Cllr Ginger's name from that minute.

113. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Cooper. Cllr Howard, on behalf of members, wished Tony all the best and hoped that he had a speedy recovery from his hospital stay.

114. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman congratulated the Long Shop Museum, on behalf of the Council, on being awarded the Special Family Friendly Award in the recent Suffolk Museum of the Year Awards. Also for their success with the Heritage Lottery Fund to help realise their future plans for restoring the Long Shop. She reported that herself and other Councillors had recently taken part in the process to appoint a Local Area Co-ordinator to work in the health and social care sector and she had attended a meeting with the SNT at the Framlingham Police Station. Cllr Last had attended the 1379 (Leiston) Squadron ATC Presentation Evening and, following an invitation from TASC, along with Cllr Harle, she had attended a talk by Jonathon Porritt on "The Nuclear Option". The PPG were informed of the appointment of a new Practice Manager at their meeting of 19 October and, on 27 October, as member of the Leiston and Sizewell Community Benefit Fund panel, the Chairman was able to be part of awarding a significant sum of money to local organisations as part of the Fund's ongoing remit. The Chairman informed members that she would be attending the Festival of Remembrance on 5 November in Felixstowe, organised by the Band of the Royal British legion, Leiston with a view to this becoming an annual Suffolk County event. The Town Remembrance Festival would be in the Film Theatre on 9 November as usual and all would be welcome to join the Council in attending this and the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November.

115. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Levermore item 8 and Leiston Forward project, Cllr Nichols in items 7 and 11b, Cllr Betson and Morsley in item 8, Cllr Mrs Hill in 7 and Cllr Howard in 5.

116. EDF report – action points

There were no actions at this time.

117. Suffolk Coastal Norse meeting of 12 October

Report previously circulated. The Clerk updated members on the ongoing actions from the meeting. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Mr Emms to thank him for the standard of work Mr Tynan and his team did in Leiston – it was much appreciated.

118. Film Theatre Committee meeting of 10 October

Minutes previously circulated. With the Personnel Committee now looking at the staffing aspects of the report it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that the report be accepted.

119. Leiston Forward Project update

The Clerk briefed members on the current job application which had just been published for the Leiston Change Manager. The initial meeting of the primary stakeholder representatives of the new partnership was currently planned for 22nd November.

120. Open Spaces – report from Walkround of 18 October

Report previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Boast that the report be accepted and the Committee and Officers be given the go ahead to proceed with planning the upgrade to small children's play area on the KGA site and the landscaping be progressed on the Old Primary Field. Cllr Ginger informed members that he was working with Flagship on the litter clearance from behind the Heath View garages and to obtain permission for a new litter bin.

121. Calendar of Meetings 2017

Report previously circulated. Members noted the proposed Calendar of meetings for 2017 and were asked to check if there were any conflicts before it was published.

122. Finance and Personnel

a) Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £19,212.74 along with £19,844.64 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

b) Personnel Committee Report from meeting of 19 October

Report previously circulated. Members noted the policies recommended for approval and on a proposition from Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Boast it was agreed that they all be adopted. There were procedures for; Complaints procedure, Dignity at Work (Bullying and Harassment), Equal Opportunities Policy, Disciplinary Procedures and Rules and the Grievance Procedure.

c) Review of Salaries and Wages 2016/2017

Report previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed that the recommended increase in salaries and wages to all staff, to reflect the increase in National Living Wage, be accepted and implemented.

During the above item Cllr Nichols left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote.

d) Budget Review

Report previously circulated. Members looked through the current reserves and examined the 6 month actuals against estimates to see how the year was progressing. It was noted that the Film Theatre was doing really well so far this year and it was hoped that this would continue. It was proposed by Cllr Nichols, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that the report be accepted and that members were satisfied with the review.

123. Planning Matters

DC/16/4020/FUL – Extension of existing garage, same height, same bricks, flat roof, north wall and west wall removed from existing build and both moved approx. 1m into garden at 47 Lime Tree Avenue Leiston.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DC/16/4056/VOC - Application Ref DC/16/3113/FUL Date of Decision 27/07/2016 Condition Number 5 at 31 Haylings Road, Leiston

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DC/16/4119/FUL – Change of use part of: Sizewell Crossing from office to cycle hire office/retail of cycle accessories and install external door at Unit 1A, Sizewell Crossing Industrial Estate, King Georges Avenue, Leiston.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

4 Haylings Grove – amended plans – the extension had been moved east by a few metres to limit the loss of amenity to the neighbouring property to the north.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported the Plan is still with the Inspector. A referendum would now be no earlier than late January.

124. County Matters

Members were pleased to be asked to second a motion from Hadleigh Town Council to be put to SALC at their AGM, that they ask Government to make it easier and quicker to decriminalise parking when local Councils volunteer to take on that responsibility. It was proposed by Cllr Boast, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed to do so.

125. District Matters

Cllr Taylor raised the issue of the KGA Caravan Park (owned by SCDC) as it had been redundant for far too many years. He appreciated that the Neighbourhood Plan had earmarked it for a touring caravan park but felt that there was scope for a modest expansion to the [semi] sheltered homes complex of Charles Adams Close. There was some discussion on the feasibility of this actually being taken up and the hope that there could also be a similar complex in the town centre but, on a proposition from Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Howard, the Clerk was asked to write to SCDC to request they consider progressing this.

Cllr Howard was worried about homelessness with news of the latest hit to benefits and asked the Clerk to ask SCDC how they were coping with this.

126. Correspondence

Leiston and Saxmundham Citizens Advice

Members noted the request from the Leiston and Saxmundham Citizens Advice asking for members continued support and expressing their appreciation for last year's donation, including a summary of the excellent work that they do. Members discussed increasing this year's donation to £2,500. Cllr Boast felt that members should look at this and compare it to donations the Council makes to other organisations where, for instance, £100 may have been appropriate 10 years ago but that sums like that should probably also be increased in future to still achieve a similar impact on the various voluntary organisations effectiveness that it once did. On this

application however it was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that £2,500 be donated to the CAB in recognition of the excellent work they do and for the support they are able to give Leiston's residents.

During the above item Cllr Howard left the room and took no part in the debate.

Film Theatre Support Club

Members appreciated the letter of thanks from the Film Theatre Support Club. The Chairman briefed members on the projects currently being undertaken by the Club at the Film Theatre with the funds raised from the draw (cameras and monitors in the dressing rooms for artistes to see the activity on stage). The next project was planned to improve the number and quality of the microphones.

127. Questions to the Chairman

Sizewell Stakeholder Group

Cllr Bailey will be unable to attend the SSG meeting on 8th December and asked members if anyone else wished to go. Cllr Mrs Betson volunteered to represent the Council on the 8th.

Newsletter

Cllr Last asked whether a mention of the search for a new Lunch Club co-ordinator could be put into the November newsletter. Cllr Bailey undertook to get some suitable words from the club to be published.

The meeting finished at 8.42pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----