

**Pre-meeting Reports**  
**5 February 2019**

**188. County Councillor**

County Councillor Rainger reported he had been heavily involved in the Sizewell C consultations, SPR consultation and the National Grid with various meetings and events taking place over the past month. He encouraged everyone to respond to these consultations by the deadlines. Cllr Ginger raised concerns regarding the 50% cuts to the CAB funding. County Cllr Rainger explained a consultation had taken place which would be reported at their Council meeting next week for a final decision. SCC currently funds the CAB with £360,000 per year for the whole of Suffolk, which would reduce to £180,000. Cllr Harle queried if alternative funding would be available and County Cllr Rainger confirmed SCC are working with the CAB to find alternative funding streams. Cllr Boast stated Leiston Town Council contributes substantially and asked if other parishes could be encouraged to grant more funding. County Cllr Rainger said the CAB are changing their financial model and will be requesting further funding from parishes. Cllr Harle asked about the SPR substations and County Cllr Rainger confirmed SCC are working with Friston Parish on the National Infrastructure Project and pushing Government to review all these big energy projects as one strategic decision.

*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.*

**189. District Councillor**

Cllr Cooper tabled a report. Cllr Geater had nothing further to add. No questions were raised.

**190. Public Forum**

Nothing was raised.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on  
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.35pm**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Mrs L Hill (in the Chair)**  
**Councillor D Bailey**  
**Councillor Mrs S Betson**  
**Councillor D Boast**  
**Councillor F Casagrande**  
**Councillor A M Cooper**  
**Councillor S M Geater**  
**Councillor C Ginger**  
**Councillor P Harle**  
**Councillor T E Hodgson**  
**Councillor W H Howard**  
**Councillor J N Last**  
**Councillor S Levermore**  
**Councillor D Morsley**  
**Councillor S O'Reilly**

**191. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 8 January 2019 be signed as a true record.

**192. Apologies**

None.

**193. Chairman's Communications**

Cllr Hill wished to thank Bright Sparks and all involved in the Adventures of Dick Whittington panto for an excellent show which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

**194. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hill for Leiston Film Theatre, Cllr Cooper for item 15, Cllr Ginger for item 12, Cllr Geater for Item 14 payment to Nigel Parker.

**195. Leiston Together Update**

Mrs Gibson gave an update on the recent work by Leiston Together. She expressed her thanks to Cllr Geater for allocating funding from her SCDC budget to the Dementia Project for a further 12 months. Leiston Links Project is continuing with 60 referrals to the project and social prescribing is now being rolled out to other surgeries by the NHS who will be calling it Connect for Health, which Leiston will be part of. Mrs Gibson reported EDF were being asked to purchase two 16 seater minibuses to enable young people to access college/sixth form education further afield. A meeting is scheduled this week to move this forward. The Business Association now has a core committee

and recently had a successful business networking event. Cllr Cooper complimented Mrs Gibson on an excellent job and thanked her for all her hard work. Cllr Casagrande was concerned with the social prescribing aspect, with no professional support some issues could be missed.

#### **196. CLT Steering Group - Update**

Cllr Hill updated the meeting on this item thus:

In the four weeks since the last Council meeting members of the CLT Board have met with two potential housing association partners as part of an information gathering process. The meeting with Hastoe Housing Association was very positive and a visit to two housing projects they are undertaking with CLT's in Lavenham and Southwold are being planned. There was also a useful meeting with the Regeneration Manager from the Flagship Group who followed up the meeting by providing information on various partnering arrangements. Both housing associations expressed a wish to explore the project further with the CLT. A meeting with Wendy Evans-Hendrick the recently appointed Chief Executive Officer for the Orwell Housing Association has also been arranged. Before promotion, the CEO had another role within Orwell Housing and would be aware of the interest shown in the town centre project by the former CEO.

As you will have noticed a lot of work has been undertaken to improve the appearance of the properties SCDC have purchased in Sizewell Road. The CLT are expecting the final version of the lease to the shop at 22 Sizewell Road shortly and have been sourcing offers of furniture and equipment. The premises will be used as an office, to hold meetings and to showcase and advertise the project. Once set up it is intended to have the office open, on a limited basis, for members of the public and admin/technical support from students as part of their courses is being looked into with Suffolk New College by the Coast. The CLT membership has risen to 125.

On 30 January all Trustees attended a Business Planning Workshop held at Suffolk New College on the Coast chaired by Julie Patel, Deputy Director of the College who acted as a facilitator. The workshop covered a number of topics including an overview of organisation and key roles, SWOT analysis and a communication plan. At the end of the workshop a 12 week action plan was agreed and a date set for an interim meeting to feedback information. This was a very worthwhile exercise and we were grateful for the support and direction given by Julie Patel.

In addition to this report there is a paper from the Town Clerk with a request from the Leiston CLT to be included in the Town Council response for mitigation with regard to Sizewell C Stage 3 consultation.

#### **197. CLT Input to the Leiston Town Council Sizewell C Response**

Members noted the report from the Clerk which explained how the CLT hoped that they would be able to integrate their response for mitigation in the town centre within the Town Council response to Sizewell C. Members agreed that it made sense for the CLT to tackle the town centre regeneration issues and also agreed to consider hearing their views on the more holistic and wider ranging issues that related to it (traffic etc). The CLT were asked to prepare

any submission in good time for it to be looked at in March. This was proposed by Cllr Levermore, seconded by Cllr Morsely and agreed with Cllr Harle against and Cllr Ginger abstaining.

It was requested that the Clerk publicise more fully the proposed meeting for Leiston residents to give their views on Sizewell C scheduled for the 19 February.

**198. Open Spaces Committee of 29 January - Purchase of New Play Equipment**

The Chairman outlined the options contained in the Open Spaces Committee minutes for new play equipment and highlighted the option recommended by the Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed that the Town Council purchase four pieces of equipment from Playdale and safety matting from Matta for a total cost of £37,337.45\*. It was agreed that £25,000 would come from the play space reserve and the remaining £12,337.45 would come from the divestment contingency reserve rather than from CIL (which could be used for more strategic infrastructure projects in due course).

Cllr Ginger and Cllr Bailey wished to point out their concerns regarding the Victory Road fencing to the Clerk as they were not satisfied with the work done to make some panels removeable. A meeting would be arranged.

\* For the purposes of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 please note that the two contracts for equipment and safety surfacing have been aggregated for brevity.

**199. Grounds Maintenance Meeting of 16 January**

Members noted the report from the meeting and discussed the possibility of organising a litter pick. Cllrs Harle, Casagrande, Levermore, Last, Howard, Hodgson and Bailey volunteered to get together and arrange a date.

**200. Fairtrade Fortnight**

Cllr Howard reminded members of the imminent Fairtrade Fortnight and outlined the events that had been planned. On 24 February at 10am Tim Aldred, Head of Policy for Fairtrade would be giving a talk at St Margaret's Church. On 1 March there would be a coffee morning and on the 6 March at 7pm a Fairtrade concert by the training band of the Royal British Legion.

**201. Summerhill – Possibility of a Blue Plaque**

Cllr Howard reported to members that the centenary of Summerhill School is in 2021 and proposed we gain permission from the school to have a blue plaque installed for A S Neill, who was the founder of the school and also obtain costs. This was seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed.

**202. Film Theatre Working Party Meeting of 17 January**

Members noted the report.

## 203. May AGM Date – 14 May 2019

Members noted the date of the AGM, set for 14 May due to the elections.

## 204. Finance and Personnel

### a) Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £39,570.82p along with £28,902.99p paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

## 205. Planning Matters

- a) DC19/0062/FUL – Proposal for a two storey extension in replacement of existing garage with kitchen/dining on the ground floor and master bedroom with en-suite on the first floor. Proposal for a new garage to be built behind existing driveway. 6 Woodlands, Leiston Members felt that the proposed extension and garage were acceptable in themselves but noted that the major element of the application was how the tree preservation order might be affected. In this respect, as always, members agreed to leave the decision on this aspect to Mr Newton.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- b) DC/19/0115/FUL – Replacement garage and parking area at 10 Valley Terrace, Leiston Any loose surface dressing used on the drive must be contained and not allowed to egress onto the footway.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

### c) SCDC Draft Local Plan

Cllr Howard disagreed with the wording under the energy heading for Sizewell. He felt it should read a 'potential' site and not a 'nominated' site. It was proposed by Cllr Howard to amend the wording, seconded by Cllr Ginger but this was not carried.

## 206. County Matters

No items were raised.

## 207. District Matters

Cllr Harle requested if Cllr Cooper's report could be circulated before the meeting which was agreed.

## 208. Correspondence

### High Street car park, Leiston

Councillors noted the letter from Stephen Baker, Chief Executive of SCDC regarding free parking spaces.

**209. Questions to the Chairman**

Cllr Casagrande queried if the Town Pastors go through checks, Cllr Cooper responded they are checked rigorously. Cllr Ginger asked what days the Long Shop Manager worked. Cllr Hodgson reported that he worked a five day week.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.

Chair

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