

**Pre-meeting Reports
2 April 2019**

240. County Councillor

County Councillor Rainger submitted his apologies and the SCC Newsletter was tabled. The Deputy Clerk reported on his behalf:

Thank you to Cllr Hill for the Chairman's Reception, it was great to meet with so many of the people making a difference in Leiston. The award to Selena and Emma was most appropriate, congratulations to them both and all the Leiston Events team. I have also seen the media item on the grant to the tourist information centre, this too will be a good thing for Leiston. I pass on personal thanks to all the town councillors I have worked with in the last two years and wish all those stepping up to the next four years my admiration.

241. District Councillor

Cllr Howard commented that only the Chairman of SCDC and SCC were in the recent newsletter and felt the town/parish Chairman should also be included. Cllr Casagrande mentioned piled up rubbish on the Carr Avenue development site, Cllr Cooper will raise this issue with Planning.

242. 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 2 APRIL 2019 at 7.30pm**

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 S Levermore
Councillor D Morsley
Councillor S O'Reilly**

243. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 19 March 2019 be signed as a true record.

244. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Last.

245. Chairman's Communications

Councillor Mrs Hill reported as follows:

On 6 March I attended a concert by the Training Band of the Royal British Legion at the WI Hall organised as part of the Fairtrade Fortnight. This was a very enjoyable evening and I understand the proceeds are shared between the Band and Fairtrade.

As the Town Council's representative, I attended the Galloper Wind Farm Fund panel meeting on 19 April. The panel agreed the allocation of £13,220 to 7 local projects which included applications from the Leiston Dementia Project and the Long Shop Museum.

On 26 March following an invitation from Tim Snook, Commercial Contract Manager for East Suffolk Council the Deputy Town Clerk and I had a guided tour around the Leiston Leisure Centre. Work is still ongoing for this £3.5 million major refurbishment project but we were able to see many of the changes and improvements that have already been achieved, advised on the work currently being undertaken and what other work remained to be completed. The visual impact of the frontage of the building is very impressive with the increase in the footprint of the building which includes an extended reception area. We were also impressed with the modern facilities and hearing about the equipment and activities that will be on offer. The Leisure Centre will be a huge asset for our residents and the wider community. For health and safety reasons I was not able to extend the invitation to other councillors but there will be an opportunity to visit once the work is completed.

Last night I attended the Town Pastors AGM and on behalf of the Council thanked them for the work they undertake for the town which had included having a presence at the Leiston on Ice event. They are interviewing on Friday for a new Co-ordinator and have two potential new pastors joining them for training.

On 9 April I will be attending the Inspire Suffolk Staff and Students Awards evening to present the Community Engagement Award sponsored by the Town Council.

246. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hill for Leiston Film Theatre and CLT, Cllr Cooper item 11 and item 14 letter 1, Cllr Hodgson for the Long Shop Museum.

247. Leiston Together Update

Mrs Gibson gave councillors an update following the Board meeting earlier that day. She confirmed a grant of £43,850 had been secured from the Coastal Revival Fund to create an information point for residents and visitors which will be incorporated into the new foyer project at the film theatre. This

could also support funding for the Leiston pocket guide. Mrs Gibson was pleased to report a further grant of £5,000 had been awarded to the Dementia Project from the Exemplar Fund, widening the project to Saxmundham, Aldeburgh and surrounding areas. Mrs Gibson reported she is still awaiting news from EDF on the bid for 2 minibuses as part of the young people transport project. Funding is available for high street community clean ups until the end of April for volunteers and community groups. Support has been offered from Access Community Trust if councillors on the working party wished to take this up. Cllr Cooper asked if Saxmundham Town Council had granted funding towards the Dementia Project and Mrs Gibson will put in a grant request.

248. CLT Steering Group Update

Cllr Hill updated the meeting on this item thus:

A CLT meeting was held on 13 March at Suffolk New College on the Coast. A CLT member involved with the Southwold Hospital Project also attended. The Southwold project was further forward and this allowed for their experience and expertise to be shared. A number of ideas that could help included possible funding streams, the name of their architect and project manager who could provide further advise and information. The architect has agreed to meet with the CLT.

The Trustees met with officers of the SCDC on 21 March. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the working relationship between the District Council and the CLT in order to enable the project to move forward. The CLT gave a presentation on progress which included images of a vision for urban planning for Leiston that had been produced by Simon Merrett a CLT Trustee. The images shown were indicative of what the town might look like and it was felt this would be a useful tool to gain interest in the CLT's plans for the town.

It was a positive exploratory meeting and it was agreed that a small working group be set up to progress developments. We are awaiting the names of East Suffolk nominees and the date of our first meeting. It was also agreed the CLT to meet with Peter Goodrick regarding the results of Leiston's Housing Needs Survey and the relationship with a Housing Association regarding plans for the town centre. The East Suffolk Officers also felt it was a useful exploratory meeting and were pleased to see the new vision.

The CLT have the keys to number 22 and we are currently in the process of moving in. Meetings of the Trustees will be held there and it is envisaged that the office will be manned for a regular time each week to enable people to drop in. After Easter, students from the Suffolk College on the Coast will be preparing the front window to display CLT information.

An official opening for number 22 is being planned for the middle of May followed by a public meeting at the Community Centre. The newly elected district and town councillors together with members of the public would be invited to attend the meeting for a presentation about the CLT and an update on developments.

249. Allotment Working Party Walk Round - 20 March

The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal report from the walkround of the Valley Road allotments conducted on 20 March.

250. Haylings Pond Works

The report from Mrs Everett-Spearing which described the works being done to improve the disabled access to the pond side for recreation and fishing had been previously circulated. Various queries were raised by councillors and the Deputy Clerk explained the work had commenced to lower the gradient of the slope by extending and rounding to one side, this needed to be completed before the fishing season started in mid April. Councillors could visit the site to see the works being done if they wished and the Deputy Clerk would ensure the work was completed appropriately and correctly.

251. Future Meetings

Due to the elections and the AGM being held on 14 May, councillors noted the possible need to have a planning meeting on either the 23 or 30 April. It was agreed to hold 30 April as a potential planning meeting date if required.

252. Finance and Personnel

a) Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £18,353.40 along with £41,217.96 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

253. Planning Matters

a) DC19/0700/FUL – Proposed housing development of 3 houses with associated parking and access at 5-9 Cross Street, Leiston

Members noted the new arrangement for access and parking which now conformed with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan. Concern was still raised regarding the access and limited vision from this site and it was suggested an off-road parking area for lorries be included during construction. It was proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr O'Reilly to recommend approval subject to the highways issues but this was not carried. It was further proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed to recommend refusal based on limited vision.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

254. County Matters

No questions were raised.

255. District Matters

No questions were raised.

256. Correspondence

Funding request from the Long Shop Museum

Councillors noted the letter from the Long Shop Museum requesting the Council's continuing support for the coming year. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed to defer this request for the new Council.

Funding request from the Fire Fighters Charity

Councillors noted the letter from the Fire Fighters Charity requesting grant funding for their organisation. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed to grant £250.00.

Funding request from Fresh Start

Councillors noted the letter from Fresh Start requesting funding for their charity. It was proposed by Cllr Boast, seconded by Cllr Casagrande and agreed to donate £200.00.

Funding request from Leiston Town Pastors

Councillors noted the letter from Leiston Town Pastors requesting funding towards their annual running costs. It was proposed by Cllr Harle, seconded by Cllr Morsley to grant £500.00 but this was not carried. It was further proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed to grant £200.00.

Funding request from Alde Valley Academy

Councillors noted the email from Alde Valley Academy requesting funding towards a presentation evening for students and their families. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Boast, seconded by Cllr Harle to grant £100.00. Cllr Levermore proposed an amendment to the motion to grant £500.00, this was seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed.

Funding request from Leiston Together

Councillors noted the email from Elspeth Gibson requesting funding towards the Leiston pocket guide. After some discussion it was agreed to request clarification on costs and to defer this to the next meeting.

257. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Cooper congratulated the Chairman on her successful year.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----