



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

Draft MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

Monday 29th April 2024 at 7:00 PM

Location: Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs

PRESENT:

Broadstairs and St Peter Town Councillors including the Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor.

Members of the Public

The Town Mayor, Cllr Kristian Bright, chaired the meeting in accordance with Part III, Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Town Clerk, Kirsty Holroyd took the minutes.

The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Town Assembly held on Monday 13th March 2023 were approved and could be signed by the Chairman.

2 MATTERS ARISING

None

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

- a) **Council Report– a PowerPoint presentation by Cllr. Kristian Bright**
- b) **Finance and General Purposes Committee – Cllr. Mike Garner**
Please see attached.
- c) **Planning Committee – Cllr Joanne Bright**
Please see attached.
- d) **Community Assets Committee – Cllr K Bright**
Please see attached.
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum debrief – Cllr Mike Garner**
Please see attached.
- f) **Allotments and Land Committee – Cllr J Hobson**
Please see attached.
- g) **Events, Leisure and Tourism Committee – Cllr M Garner**
Please see attached.

h) Environment Committee – Cllr Joanne Bright

Please see attached.

6 QUESTION AND DEBATE

Buckmaster House

A local resident enquired as to what could be done to safeguard the future of the remarkable local building. Attendees noted that it is not a listed building but that the Conservation Officer at TDC is aware of it and the uncertain future it faces. It was suggested that the Broadstairs Society contact the Broadstairs Victorians to discuss community involvement further.

Albion Street Car park dis-used toilet block

The Town Clerk read out a question she had received in advance concerning any possible use of the disused amenity. The Town Clerk has contacted TDC officers for renewed – and more acceptable - Heads of Terms than those which were issued previously. Councillors agreed they would consider the matter again, but that they were unclear on what the benefit to the community would be.

Extended open season for public toilets.

A local resident asked whether it would be possible to extend the opening of the town's public toilets into the winter months. The Town Council has a small budget to facilitate this so councillors will look into whether it is practically possible with TDC.

Attendees were also informed by TDC Councillors that the public toilets had had significant investment recently and were much improved.

Historic Items

The Town Clerk read out a second question she had received in advance asking whether it would be possible for the town council's website to include pages with historic content, a gallery of past mayors and so forth, and whether there could be a designated councillor to take on responsibility for the Town's heritage. Councillors agreed both ideas had merit and would be discussed at the next meeting.

Seafront signage

A member of the public congratulated the Town Council on taking on the cultivation of the flower beds at Victoria Gardens and noted how wonderful they were looking again. However, she requested that something be done to improve basic signage in the area, indicating where the lift, toilets, beach access and visitor information could be found. The "no dogs on the beach" signage also needs to be clearer and more plentiful. TDC councillors agreed to look into this.

Volunteers

A member of the public requested that the Town's volunteers be treated with more respect by both the Town and District Councils in the light of the valuable contribution they make and the vast wealth of experience and knowledge which they possess and share. Those present agreed to note this.

Accessibility

A member of the public asked whether there was a Town Councillor with special responsibility for equality and diversity issues. It was noted that there was not, although there may be one at TDC soon. In the meantime the Town Clerk will review the Town Council's accessibility policy and procedures.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:58 pm

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