

Yarmouth Area Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 08 December 2015 at 19:00

Present :

Councillor Jeal (in the Chair) Councillors Connell, Fox, Jones, Robinson-Payne and Sutton.

Mr P Fitzgerald (GY Residents Association), Dr J Langley and Mrs J Langley (North Yarmouth Community Resilience), Mrs J Fitzgerald (PoNY) Mrs L LePicq (Waterways Action Group) and Mrs V Pettit (Resident)

Mrs S Wintle (Members Services Officer)

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Castle, Councillors Stenhouse and Bird and Mr D Hastings.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

A Member asked in regard to Joe Mackintosh from Seachange and that had contact been made with him, it was advised that he was to be invited to the next meeting.

The Chairman requested that item 10 be removed from the agenda as no contact had been made from County Councillor Parkinson-Hare.

RESOLVED:

That item 10 access difficulties for buses along Deneside be removed from the

agenda.

5 ROMAN PLACE, GREAT YARMOUTH

The Committee considered the report from Robert West which gave answers to questions that had been raised by Councillor Robinson-Payne.

Councillor Robinson-Payne raised concern regarding car parking within the area and stated that complaints had been received from residents and business owners.

Peter Fitzgerald stated that when contacting the police on this matter it would need to be made clear that the issues raised were based upon parking obstructions. Councillor Sutton reiterated this and that a long term solution needed to be sought to move this matter forward.

It was suggested that Stephen Betts, Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable from Great Yarmouth Police and Robert West, Local Highway Engineer be invited to the next meeting to report on this matter and that this could then be referred to cabinet.

RESOLVED :

That Stephen Betts, Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable from Great Yarmouth Police and Robert West, Local Highway Engineer be invited to the next meeting to report on this matter and that this could then be referred to cabinet.

6 UPDATE ON WATERWAYS/BOATING LAKE PROJECT

The Committee considered a report from the Conservation Manager which gave an update in relation to the Waterways.

RESOLVED :

That once an Architect had been appointed, Darren Barker Conservation manager, be invited to attend a future meeting to provide an update on this matter.

7 WATERWAYS WORKING GROUP

The Chairman reported on the Minutes from the Waterways Working Group meeting on the 2nd November 2015.

Councillor Sutton expressed support of the idea for an Open Air Theatre and suggested that events could be held around the Waterways area of the sea front and that this could potentially benefit other concessions. Although concern was raised in regard to the Heritage Lottery Fund and that the view may be to return the Boating lake to how it was in 1920. The Chairman informed that the plans were to return it to its original state of 1920.

Jane Langley, PoNy representative, informed the Committee that the Southwold Pier Memory Plaques would cost £295 for a small plaque and £350 for a large plaque.

Councillor Fox raised concerns regarding the Beach Huts and was informed that this

matter was pursued by County Councillor Castle.

8 TRADING ON THE FOOTWAY AT BROAD ROW/GEORGE STREET

Councillor Sutton provided an update to Members and advised that contact had been made with Councillor B Coleman to raise the issue of the requirement to replace the white lines with an alternative and that funding would be requested from the Town Centre Initiative budget. Councillor Sutton confirmed that he had a meeting scheduled with Kate Watts in regards to this matter also.

9 20 MPH WARNING SIGNS AT ALDERMAN SWINDELL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Josie Fitzgerald confirmed that the a total of £4020 had been received from 3 Councillors Ward Budget payments and that unfortunately the school had not contributed.

Councillor fox paid thanks to PoNY for their dedication to this matter.

Councillor Sutton pointed out to the committee that Norfolk County Council were considering the placing of a traffic order across Norfolk, and that this would mean that schools could enforce a 20mph restriction. The Chairman suggested contact be made to County Councillor Castle for an update on this.

10 ACCESS DIFFICULTIES FOR BUSES ALONG DENESIDE

In the absence of County Councillor Rex-Parkinson this item will be removed from the agenda.

11 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

March 2016

(i) to invite Charles Beardall of the Environment Agency to give an updated report on the major scheme to improve the river defences on the Yare and Bure riversides in Yarmouth. (He spoke to YAC two years ago in advance of the first tranche of the work in Southtown).

(ii) to invite David Glason, Group Manager - Growth, to give a presentation on the planning designation of Riverside regeneration areas in Southtown, Cobholm, North Quay and The Conge.

(iii) to invite Joe Mackintosh, CEO, Seachange Arts, to give a presentation on the Fountain Bar, St.Georges Park.

(iv) to invite Alison Billyard, Emergency Planning Officer to give a presentation on flood defences in Great Yarmouth.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Member raised concern regarding the changing to a Committee Form of Governance from May 2016 because under the new structure items for consideration would no longer be able to be referred to Cabinet to determine.

RESOLVED :

That this item be raised at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at: 19:40