



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Yarmouth Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 21 June 2016
Time: 19:00
Venue: Council Chamber
Address: Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

To appoint the Chair of the Yarmouth Area Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

To appoint the Vice Chair of the Yarmouth Area Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

5 MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 March 2016.

6 MATTERS ARISING

To consider any matters arising from the above minutes.

7 WATERWAYS / BOATING LAKE

An update will be given at the meeting.

8 ROMAN PLACE, GREAT YARMOUTH

An update will be given at the meeting.

9 BOARDWALK - YARMOUTH NORTH BEACH

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Report attached.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

Yarmouth Area Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 01 March 2016 at 19:00

PRESENT :

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

Mr P Fitzgerald (GY Residents Association), Mr C Marsden (GY East Committee), Dr J Langley and Mrs J Langley (North Yarmouth Community Resilience), Mrs J Fitzgerald (PoNY), Mrs L LePicq (Waterways Action Group), Ms H Porter (Public Gallery), and Mrs V Petit (Resident).

Mrs Kate Watts (Transformation Programme Manager), Mr D Glason (Group Manager - Growth), Mr P Miller (Environment Agency - Officer) and Mr Mike Anderson (Market Traders Secretary).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Valerie Petit declared a non Pecuniary Interest in the item relating to the Fountain Bar, St George's Park.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that a apologies fro absence were received from County Councillor Mick Castle.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 December were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Sutton advised that in regard to the trading on the footway at broad Row/George Street the issue had been placed on hold whilst further issues were resolved.

Councillor Fox asked in relation to item 12 and asked if any further guidance had been given as to whether Great Yarmouth Area Committee would remain once a Committee Form of Governance structure was in place. It was suggested that report be submitted to the Governance Committee.

RESOLVED : That a report be sent to the Governance Committee to ask in relation to the future of the Great Yarmouth Area Committee.

5 WATERWAYS/BOATING LAKE PROJECT

The Chairman reported to the Committee that an email had been received from the Principal Conservation Manager which stated that an architect had been appointed although had only been in the post for a week, therefore it was suggested that the newly appointed architect be invited to the next Committee meeting to give an update to Members.

6 ROMAN PLACE, GREAT YARMOUTH

Councillor Robinson-Payne gave a brief summary on the issues with regard to Roman Place, photographs were shown to Members of parking obstructions.

The Chairman advised Members of an email that had been received from Parking services which stated the amount of Parking Tickets issued for Roman Place these were as follows :-

- 2012 - 5
- 2013 - 1
- 2014 - 5
- 2015 - 7
- 2016 - 1 (before 27/02/2016)

PC Katie Swann, a representative from Great Yarmouth Police reported that the parking at Roman Place whilst being extremely poor would not be a matter for the police as it would not be deemed as a highway obstruction.

Concern was raised in regard to the land ownership of Roman Place and whether a A zone parking restriction was in place.

A Member suggested that a representative from the Civil Enforcement Department be invited to attend the next meeting.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Stephen Cornell (Operations Manager - Parking) expressing the concern at the monitoring of the car park and that a letter be sent to Environmental Health regarding the fly tipping and waste.

A Member suggested that the Group Manager - Customer Services be invited to the next meeting to discuss issues raised with Members.

RESOLVED :

1) That a letter be sent to Stephen Cornell (Operations Manager - Parking) expressing the concern at the monitoring of the car park.

2) That a letter be sent to Environmental Health regarding the fly tipping and waste.

3) That the Group Manager - Customer Services and a representative from the Civil Enforcement Department be invited to attend the next meeting.

7 RIVER DEFENCE SCHEME

The Committee received and considered the comprehensive report delivered by Paul Miller, environment Agency which advised Members on the previous, current and future works on the Flood Defence Scheme within Great Yarmouth.

The Chairman asked in relation to the steel used and was advised that the steel piles were imported from Belgium and that the steel piles would meet European Standards.

A Member asked in relation to the Olympic dam method and asked how this would be decided and was advised that this would be decided through the Business case.

Concern was raised in regard to the locations of the defence work.

A Member asked with regard to the current condition of the piles at the quayside and the risk of failure.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Brandon Lewis to express the need to procure steel within the UK.

RESOLVED :

That a recommendation be sent to Cabinet and Council to express the concern that the Yarmouth Area Committee have in terms of steel and that a letter be sent to Brandon Lewis to seek procurement of steel within the UK.

8 RIVERSIDE REGENERATION AREAS IN , SOUTHTOWN, COBHOLM, NORTH QUAY AND THE CONGE.

The Committee received and considered the Group Manager - Growth's comprehensive report on the Riverside regeneration areas in Southtown, Cobholm, North Quay and The Conge.

The Group Manager - Growth advised Members that the report had been fully endorsed by the Local Plan Working Party.

The Group Manager - Growth advised Members of the Great Yarmouth Waterfront Development Principles :-

- Strengthening the Waterfront
- Providing an active and accessible waterfront
- Enhancing road corridors for pedestrians and cyclists
- Making the most of gateway locations
- Opening up connections to green space

- Opening up connections to the Town Centre
- Opening up connections to the Station and ASDA
- Ensuring views and vistas to important buildings and spaces are maximised through development
- knitting new development into Great Yarmouth's historic townscape.

The Chairman asked in relation to the land and whether any compulsory purchase orders would need to be issued, and was advised that no compulsory purchase orders would be issued.

Concern was raised by Members in regard to the funding of the development.

9 FOUNTAIN BAR, ST GEORGES PARK

The Chairman reported that unfortunately Joe Mackintosh was unavailable to attend the meeting, although an email had been received which gave members a summary of the proposals for the Fountain Bar.

It was agreed that a copy of the email would be sent to all Committee Members.

Valerie Petit, reported that as a Member of the Seachange Committee, she had asked the the Committee in relation to toilet facilities on the proposed development and was informed that the number of covers did not require toilet facilities.

Concern was raised by Members with regard to the temporary structure as it was felt that a quality long term permanent fixture should be provided for residents of the Borough.

It was determined that this this item be sent to cabinet for consideration.

RESOLVED :

That this this item be sent to cabinet for consideration.

10 MARKETS

The Transformation Programme Manager gave an update to Members.

It was reported that a consultation process was set to take place and that this would give Market traders the opportunity to discuss and suggest ways to move forward and further develop the market, the Transformation Programme Manager suggested that a report be brought back to the Committee in six months once foundations are in place.

A Member asked the Transformation Programme Manager to explain the relationship between the Council and Market Traders, and was advised that the following were in place :-

- Open door policy for all Market traders
- Fish and chip supper
- SWOT analysis of Market
- Market Policy and Licence Policy - Consultation survey to be sent to all residents of the Borough to be able to give feedback on what needs to be improved.

A Member asked in relation to funding for the market from the Town Centre Initiative.

The Transformation Programme Manager advised that there was plenty of opportunity within the market and that the Council were keen to support new and existing traders.

Mike Anderson, Market Trader secretary reported to Members that the Traders felt that the market set up was good although the main issue for Traders is lack of communication.

A Member asked for the views from the Traders in regard to the general maintenance, Mike Anderson advised that the traders were very happy with the cleanliness of the Market.

Mike Anderson advised that some of the Market traders had opened stalls down Regent Road in great Yarmouth due to non restricted opening days and times and that some traders attended car boots.

RESOLVED :

That a report be brought to the Committee in six months time to update Members on the foundations that have been implemented.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman and the Committee passed thanks to Councillors Fox and Linden for their time spent on the Committee.

The meeting ended at: 21:00

BOARDWALK – Yarmouth North Beach

The PoNY (People of North Yarmouth) Community Association is seeking agreement in principle from the Borough Council for the installation of a Boardwalk from the Beaconsfield Road Ramp down to the high tide mark on North Beach to enable those with pushchairs, wheelchairs and those with mobility issues to use the beach to the full.

Background:

The North Beach is a quiet beach with extensive dune/marram grass cover adjacent to the Waterways, Boating Pool, Tea Huts and Public Toilets. It is an area for which the Borough Council and others are earmarking for a major regeneration scheme. The North Beach includes the important North Denes SSSI and will soon also be passed by the national coastal path.

The width of the Yarmouth Beach has doubled in the past 30 years and the Britannia Pier no longer extends into the sea. This has made it increasingly difficult for people to get to the waters' edge. The Seashore Holiday Park further north already benefits from a boardwalk.

Research by PoNY and North Beach businesses has indicated that local people and visitors to the town would strongly support the installation of a Boardwalk from the Beaconsfield Road Ramp to the high tide mark to assist families with pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with mobility issues to make the maximum use of this attractive beach.

Following the public consultation in the Waterways on Saturday 11th June 2016, PoNY received overwhelming support of such a project. We had 86 people sign in support of this accessible Boardwalk onto the beach. We intend to continue seeking support for this venture.

Cost:

An initial quote for installation of such a Boardwalk was in the region of £8,750 +VAT but it is hoped that more competitive quotes can be obtained. The quality and the length of the Boardwalk can be negotiated ensuring that the specification satisfies the needs of the disabled. Funding applications could be sought as appropriate. PoNY will work alongside council officers to seek and complete funding applications.

Recommendation:

That the Yarmouth Area Committee is asked to support this project and seek the necessary formal approval to proceed via the new Council Committee system.