



MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

APPROVED

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held in the Community Room on
Thursday 19th January, 2017 at 7.35 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. L. Lay-Flurrie (Chair)

Cllr. M. Taylor

In attendance: District Cllr. A. Coley

PC Rob Willmott

Cllr. R. Stocks

Cllr. J. Charlesworth

Police Sergeant Paul Gale

Mrs. L. Djuve-Wood (Clerk)

109/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. M. Morsley, H. Jones and P. Hughes-Stanton.

110/16 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December, having been circulated previously, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

111/16 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

112/16 Visit from Essex Police Sergeant Paul Gale to take questions from the public

There were no members of the public present. Police Sergeant Paul Gale and Police Constable Rob Willmott provided the council with an update on the following items:

- The police hub in Clacton is proving to be a much more flexible solution than the previous system where police officers were dedicated to a specific area. Crime figures are monitored daily which helps identify where resources from the hub are needed the most. Sergeant Gale's team consists of four constables and five police community support officers. All of whom work very effectively together as a team. In addition, Sergeant Gerard's team consists of five constables and five police community support officers.
- Some of the big issues the police are currently facing are modern slavery, child exploitation and domestic violence, with a dramatic increase seen in the latter due to how it is now categorised.
- Whereas there are hot spot areas for the sale and distribution of drugs within the Tendring area, Manningtree does not have a particular problem with this issue and is no worse than any other village its size in the country.
- The public can visit <https://www.essex.police.uk/your-area/tendring/> for more details on the structure of the team. Sergeant Gale also encouraged the public to register with their Essex Community Messages service which provides updates and crime prevention advice from police officers and key partners.
- Sergeant Gale emphasised that although not always visible, the public can rest assured that the police are always present and continually looking at improving their service to the public.

113/16 Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present. District Cllr. Coley praised the TDC emergency planning department's response to the recent tidal surge threat along the coast. It was agreed that the clerk is to write a letter to TDC's Chief Executive Mr Ian Davidson congratulating the District Council on the successful operation. D. Cllr. Coley pointed out that the joint Emergency Plan for Mistley, Manningtree and Lawford was lacking in details of what local evacuation centres can offer. MTC is already in the process of updating this aspect of the plan. He also suggested that the three parishes create a joint emergency plan committee to ensure the plan is always up to date and relevant for all parties.

Action: Clerk

114/16 Reports from the District and County Councils

District Cllr. A. Coley presented the district report, summarised as follows (the complete report can be found on MTC's website):

- The Tendring Community has been praised for the way it rallied round to support those who were affected by the threats of a tidal surge and flooding in the area. Around 250 residents and more

than 50 pets took refuge in a rest centre set up in Tendring Education Centre in Jaywick Lane over two days.

- Residents and businesses in Tendring could save more than £300 a year on their energy bills if they take part in an Essex wide switching scheme launched by ECC on the 6th December.
- Residents across Tendring will have more time to apply for their popular free parking permit this year. An early decision was made to continue with the scheme in a bid to reduce the rush and the high number of calls taken over a short period of time in 2016.
- An anti-litter campaign spanning Essex, Kent and Suffolk has resulted in a reduction of litter for the third year in a row. The Love Essex campaign, run by the Cleaner Essex Group, made up of Essex local authorities and local business partners, aims to remind people that littering is a criminal offence which comes with a fixed penalty notice from £75 and a maximum fine upon conviction in court of £2,500.
- A distribution company has been given the green light for extra car parking at its site to help accommodate new staff. The Book Service in Frating is taking on around 100 new employees as part of an expansion.

County Cllr. C. Guglielmi sent his apologies, the clerk read out the county report, summarised as follows (the complete report can be found on MTC's website):

- A new Park and Ride bus service for staff, patients and visitors to Colchester General Hospital was launched on Monday 9th January. Colchester Park and Ride buses heading from the site off Junction 28 of the A12 will now serve the new stop along Northern Approach Road.
- A six-week public consultation on the proposed changes to Essex's Replacement Waste Local Plan has begun. The consultation started on Thursday 5th January until Thursday 16 February 2017 and will give residents the opportunity to comment on key aspects of the plan.
- The prestigious Who Will Care? Awards will make a much anticipated return in 2017 and nominations are now open. The date of this year's awards has now been confirmed as Wednesday 24 May 2017 and will see a celebration of volunteering across the county.
- With the festive season now behind us Essex County Council is urging people to get their 2017 off to a positive and healthy start by signing up for Dry January. Dry January is a national initiative run by charity Alcohol Concern, which encourages people to sign up to go alcohol free for 31 days.
- A map detailing nine possible options for a new stretch of the A120 has been released ahead of a public consultation. The options – which run from Braintree to the A12 near Colchester – were unveiled to make sure residents are aware of the important study to improve the vital road link.
- The number of potholes on local roads has dropped by a fifth over the last six months following major investment.

115/16 Progress Report from the Clerk

76/16 c) To discuss the replacing of oak posts on South Street The clerk reported that J. H. Tree Services will replace the posts during the second or third week of February.

RESOLVED that the following items be discharged:

89/16 c) To discuss complaints received regarding pigeon faeces in the Lane

94/16 b) To approve the council's budget and precept request for 2017/18

116/16 Report from the Planning Committee

A planning meeting was held prior to the full council meeting and separate minutes have been issued for this meeting.

117/16 Reports from Representatives on other committees

Cllr. Charlesworth reported that he had attended the TDALC meeting where it had been reported that it will be another year before the Local Plan is published.

118/16 Highways/Environment

a) To consider replacing the area along the Walls on the border of Manningtree and Mistley

It was decided that the area only needs a tidy-up and overgrowth cut back. **RESOLVED** that the clerk contact Environmental Design to ask them to do the work.

Action: Clerk

b) To consider expanding Environmental Design contract to cover litter picking and weeding of the main areas of the Town

RESOLVED that the council will expand the contract to include litter picking, weeding and ad-hoc

requests of trimming bushes and overgrowth.

Action: Clerk

119/16 To nominate three emergency points of contact for the Emergency Plan
RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the February meeting.

120/16 Finance

a) To approve monthly bank reconciliation figures

RESOLVED that the monthly bank reconciliation figures be approved.

b) To approve payments/cheques for signature in accordance with the 2016/17 budget:

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

Item	Amount
Monthly salary Mrs L Djuve-Wood (including expenses)	£536.64
Colne Housing Rent Community Room	£11.00
Environmental Design (grass cutting December)	£24.00
A&J Lighting	£308.87
SLCC Membership	108.00
ALCC Membership	10.00
E.ON Street Lighting	274.83
Plus Standing Order payment to Webfactory	£17.99

121/16 Consultations and Surveys

a) To consider responding to the Essex County Council Replacement Waste Local Plan Consultation

RESOLVED that the council will not respond to this consultation.

122/16 Items from councillors to be added to the next agenda

- a) Cllr. Charlesworth suggested that the council consider going electronic for all payments. It was agreed that this should go on the agenda for the next finance committee meeting in April.

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 8.51 p.m.

Signed.....

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