

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2017 AT 7.03 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby took the Chair.

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Fox	Cllr Harris
Cllr Kiff	Cllr Osben
Cllr Oxby	Cllr Palmer
Cllr Partel	Cllr Walker
Cllr Worster	

There were two members of the public present.

Before the Committees Meeting commenced, the Town Clerk raised a point of order. She reminded Cllrs that the practice of conducting committee meetings via email was not the way the Council should behave. It would be impossible to have a balanced, open discussion at meetings, she asserted, if Cllrs arrived with pre-conceived views based purely on email traffic. Cllrs acknowledged the point and the meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Jones. Cllr Fellowes was absent from the meeting.

2. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Cllr Digby commended the draft Minutes of the Grants, Requests & Events Committee meetings held on 24 July 2017 for **APPROVAL**. These were **APPROVED** with a minor amendment by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. **Matters for Discussion**

**Tour of Britain Cycle Race**

The Town Clerk reminded Cllrs that the Tour of Britain Cycle Race would soon be arriving in Aldeburgh and that a degree of disruption to the life of the town should be anticipated.

She confirmed her understanding that the central part of the town would be shut down from midnight on September 7<sup>th</sup> and would only start to re-open from 4.30pm on the 8<sup>th</sup>. She commended the residents of Park Road for their support in the operation of a one-way system to enable access to the Yacht and Sailing Clubs, the boatyards and the Brudenell Hotel. Parking arrangements were in place at King's Field, with a park-and-ride facility operating from Thorpeness, she added. The car park at Oakley Square would be used for television crews, while the area around Moot Green was designated for bike race support vehicles and a merchandise zone. There would be no outside caterers, with food being provided by established businesses in the town. Extra toilets and rubbish bins had been ordered and deliveries to businesses in the town would not be permitted during the lock-down period, she confirmed. The Town Clerk did express some concern about access for carers which would need to be addressed.

In response to questions from Cllrs Palmer and Worster, the Town Clerk said there would be no mail collections from the town centre on September 8<sup>th</sup> and that all street furniture, including the Town Council noticeboard outside Baggott's Newsagents, would be removed on September 5<sup>th</sup>. A new noticeboard had been promised by SCDC. She assured Cllrs that

emergency services would not be jeopardised during the lock-down period – they would have priority over everything. She urged Cllrs and townspeople to view the event positively, particularly as the inconvenience would last only a day.

#### 4. Grants & Requests

The Committee considered a request from the TA Hotel group to appoint an ATC representative to join a working party to plan the potential return of the Music by the Sea concert on Moot Green in 2018.

Councillors expressed a range of views about the proposed concert, with some mildly supportive of the scheme and others opposed to the event. Cllr Palmer said he was open-minded about the idea, but the event, if it took place, would have to be far better managed than the last one in 2015. Cllr Walker suggested switching the event from Moot Green to King's Field, which, he felt, was a more appropriate venue, a view echoed by Cllr Digby. Cllr Kiff said it would be a shame if the concert did not go ahead, but recognised that the last concert caused significant problems. Cllr Worster was anxious not to appear as a kill-joy, but believed the area around Moot Hall was too fragile for a large-scale event. Cllr Bond felt the town was running out of goodwill towards this sort of occasion and suggested an out-of-season concert might attract more support from ATC

After a further lengthy and at times heated discussion, the committee decided that as **NO PROPOSER** could be found to reject the proposed plan to hold a Music by the Sea concert at Moot Green in 2018. The Town Clerk agreed to speak to TA Hotels.

The Long Shop Museum in Leiston asked for permission to park an exhibition trailer on Moot Green on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 between 9am and 4pm to promote the activities of the Museum. **APPROVED** by a show of hands.

The Committee considered a request from the East Anglian Practical Classics to hold a car rally on Moot Green from 9.30am on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Cllrs asked for the number of vehicles to be restricted to 60. **APPROVED** by a show of hands

The East Suffolk Association for the Blind asked for permission to use the Moot Hall for their annual fishing competition on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. **APPROVED** by a show of hands.

Lighthouse Women's Aid, a charitable organisation based in Suffolk, asked for a donation to enable them to carry out their work providing support and advice to women and children experiencing domestic abuse. The Town Clerk told the Committee the organisation had helped two families in the Aldeburgh area during the past year and Cllr Worster urged fellow Cllrs to look favourably on the request.

A **RESOLUTION** to donate £150 to Lighthouse Women's Aid to help support victims of domestic abuse was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Worster and **SECONDED** by Cllr Fox.

**In favour** 12

**Against** 0

**Abstentions** 0

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cllr Digby, speaking on behalf of Cllr Jones, asked for volunteers to join a small working party to discuss the annual bonfire and fireworks event on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017. Cllrs Worster, Osben, Kiff, Partel and Digby said they would attend.

**There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.50pm.**