



ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Services Committee** meeting held on **Monday 27th November 2023**
at **7.30pm** in the **Moot Hall**

1. Present:

Cllr Fellowes (Chair), Cllr Lumpkin, Cllr Howard-Dobson, Cllr Langley, Cllr Webster, Cllr Haworth-Culf

Apologies:

None

In Attendance:

Town Clerk, Cllr Jones, Cllr Fox, Cllr, Bond, Cllr Haworth. There were no members of the public present.

2. Approval of previous Minutes

The draft minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2023 were approved unanimously by a show of hands and signed and dated by the Chair.

Cllr Fellowes reported that minutes of Committees meetings are still being agreed and signed one month following the meeting. She proposed that Committee Minutes are brought to the Council Meeting to be approved and signed.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1. SCC

Cllr Fellowes reported that there are a few more days remaining on the Leiston Road scheme. SCC should then provide us with a timeline.

Cllr Fellowes reported that under Highways we can replace / renew the large directional signs. Highways suggest fixing a new face as replacing the whole sign is costly. Cllr Fellowes will be pleased to hear feedback from Councillors as they notice signs to be improved. Additional information can be added such as number of parking spaces at our car parks.

3.2. East Suffolk Council

Cllr Fellowes has seen reports of rubbish particularly around the bin and benches outside the Co-op and Post Office in the High Street. This has been reported to ESC but Cllr Fellowes feels that at busy times of year they cannot cope. Options to support would be volunteers or Hollesley Bay team.

Cllr Fellowes would like to see the permits issued for the Fishermans Car Park. She asked the office to locate the list of those who were issued a permit in the past.

There is a damaged parking sign outside the bookshop. Cllr Fellowes will follow this up with ESC.

3.3. Police Matters

Nothing to report.

3.4. NSIP Large Infrastructure Group

Cllrs Haworth-Culf and Haworth declared an interest concerning LionLink and SeaLink issues to be discussed. Their properties are directly impacted by proposed works. Cllr Haworth-Culf has dispensation at SCC allowing her to discuss.

SeaLink

Cllr Fellowes asked for feedback from those who attended the recent public exhibition or webinar session.

Cllr Jones feels it would be useful to re-iterate our stance on all energy projects but believes a succinct statement otherwise people won't listen. Cllr Fellowes confirmed that as a statutory consultee we can have a position statement.

Cllr Howard-Dobson reported that the SeaLink representatives didn't know what they were talking about.

Cllr Fox has attended information events in the past and the representatives have always been ill informed. She thinks that a position on SZC would be far more complex and would not suggest a vote around it to be a good idea.

Cllr Lumpkin believes that Council Membership now needs to have agreement by a democratic process. The depth of detail we are given is too great for all energy projects, it needs to be at a working level. He believes all the cabling should be installed under the sea.

Cllr Webster feels that it is not for us to express an opinion. It is the business of the town and some will be for and some against.

Cllr Fellowes will work on our draft response which is due by 18th December. Please feed in any comments to Cllr Fellowes. This can be ratified at the next Council meeting in early December.

Sizewell C

Cllr Bond talked about the Centre of Excellence for training EDF energy staff located at Hinkley. There needs to be an education dialogue to ensure jobs for local children. Cllr Fellowes reported that their model is to bring trained apprentices here, although EDF are in talks with Ipswich and Lowestoft colleges.

4. Committee Finance Business

Cllr Fellowes reported that she is now looking forward to the new financial year with a view to budgeting adequately for services.

5. New Services Business

None

The Services Committee meeting ended at 8.28pm

**Councillor Fellowes
Chair**