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To members of Aldeburgh Town Council

Cllr Bond	Cllr Haworth	Cllr Lumpkin	Cllr Webster
Cllr Fellowes	Cllr Haworth-Culf	Cllr Langley	
Cllr Fox	Cllr Jones	Cllr Osben	

You are hereby summoned to **attend a meeting of the Full Council** to be held at the **Moot Hall on 8th July 2024 at 7.00pm**

Kim Puttock
Town Clerk
3rd July 2024

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

At 7pm, there will be reports from:

- Robert Mabey, Chair of Aldeburgh United Charities
- Dan Mayhew, Director of Community and Partnerships at Kingfisher Schools Trust
- Sally Watts, Carnival Committee

This will be followed by an update from Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council Councillors (if in attendance), and a public session for members of the public.

Public questions and comments (15 minutes maximum)

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may address the Council for up to three minutes, with the agreement of the Town Mayor at the meeting, provided that the statement is related to an item on the agenda or to raise issues for consideration of inclusion at future meetings. Asking questions of the Council does not automatically imply that a response will be given at the meeting.

The speaker should approach the Town Clerk before the meeting commences to request to speak during the meeting and wherever possible, questions should be submitted by midday the Friday before the meeting.

Police Report

Information can be found on the link below in relation to Crimes and Priorities for Aldeburgh by zooming into the map. The map will give only a loose idea of where crimes have happened. Actual locations and details of crimes are kept anonymous.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/area/your-area/suffolk/halesworth/leiston-saxmundham-and-aldeburgh/contact-us/crime-map>



AGENDA

102. Apologies
103. To receive any declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, other registerable or non-registerable interest.
104. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 10th June 2024.
105. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19th June 2024.
106. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the co-option of two new members.
107. To note that Councillors Fellowes and Osben have stepped down from the Planning Committee.
108. To note that Councillor Fellowes has stepped down from the Property and Finance Working Group
109. To note the resignation of Councillor Howard-Dobson with effect 12th June 2024.
110. To note that there are vacancies for Council Representatives on the following external bodies and to appoint replacements:
- 110.1. Aldeburgh Museum
110.2. Jubilee Hall
111. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** updating the signatories for the Local Authority Mutual Investment Trust that we hold with CCLA Investment Management Ltd to add Cllr Webster.
112. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the recommended changes as proposed by the Planning Committee to their Terms of Reference.
113. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the updated Data Protection and Information Management Policy.
114. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the Co-Option of Councillors Policy.
115. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the Income list for the previous month.
116. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the Payments list for the current month.
117. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the Council's response to ESC/SCC letters re SeaLink.
118. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the questions for the upcoming Sizewell C forum.
119. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the response to SCC/0069/24/DoR/EA1N and SCC/0070/24/DoR/EA2 – Scottish Power Renewables East Anglia One North and Two Offshore Wind Farms.
120. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the response to Planning Application SCC/0058/24/DOR - Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station.

121. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the Council holding a meeting inviting representatives from East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council (Officer & Portfolio Holder) and NationalGrid to discuss SeaLink.
122. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** correspondence to all households, updates to website and newsletter articles to raise awareness of the latest SeaLink proposals up to a maximum spend of £1,000.
123. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** supporting Citizens Advice East Suffolk by making a grant of £1,000.
124. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** supporting Project 40-7 by making a grant of £350 towards a new freezer.
125. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** supporting the Aldeburgh Carnival by permitting the erection of bunting for the event, if permitted by the local authority.
126. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the repair of the stair balustrade and wood components up to a maximum of £1,000.
127. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** proceeding with accepting the quote from Devlin Plummer Stained Glass Ltd for the window repairs and to instruct to complete the planning application for the small replacement window in the kitchen area at a cost of £36,885 plus planning application costs.
128. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** progressing with the installation of the required heating and extraction for the toilet and kitchen area of the Moot Hall up to a maximum of £2,000 so that works can be progressed.
129. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the quote received for the Bowls Green maintenance of £1,897.18 (excluding VAT).
130. **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** proceeding with the necessary expenditure in relation to the Kings Field and Queens Field maintenance providing it is within budget and based on the best value quote.
131. **Committee and Working Group Reports**
- 131.1. Planning Committee
 - 131.2. Property and Finance Working Group
 - 131.3. Services Working Group
 - 131.4. Energy Working Group
 - 131.5. Grants, Requests and Events Working Group
132. **Reports from Members appointed to Outside Bodies**
Members appointed to represent the Town Council on outside bodies to provide an update for their respective areas of responsibility.
- Members are requested to please provide written reports/updates, if possible, to the Town Clerk by no later than the Thursday before a Full Council meeting.
133. To note Gifts and/or Hospitality exceeding £25 received by Councillors.
134. Town Clerk's Report and Correspondence
135. Mayor's Report
136. Closure

**July 2024 Parish Report
East Suffolk Council GLI Group – Councillor Update**

New planning guidance for healthy environments

A new planning document has been adopted in East Suffolk to help guide the delivery of healthier built environments.

The [Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document](#) (SPD) provides guidance on delivering more inclusive and higher quality living environments in East Suffolk, to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages, abilities, and incomes.

The SPD provides guidance on a range of topics including the provision of green open space, play provision, trees and landscaping, active travel infrastructure, healthy key buildings such as homes, schools and workplaces, dementia-friendly design, community facilities and more.

Ben Woolnough, Head of Planning and Coastal Management at East Suffolk said: “This document provides planning and design guidance to support the delivery of places which improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people living in East Suffolk. This includes supporting the provision of active travel infrastructure, food growing areas, more accessible and community spaces, as well as open and play spaces and much more. The document will now be a material consideration when determining planning applications in future.”

The SPD was subject to public consultation during its preparation and the comments received helped to inform the scope and content of the final document. The Consultation Statement, which has been published alongside the SPD, sets out the Council’s response to the comments received and the changes that were made to the SPD in response to comments.

Providing essential habitats for wildlife through revised scheme

A conservation scheme which created 100 spaces across East Suffolk for the benefit of wildlife is to be enhanced, with a new look and a focus on increasing the biodiversity value of the wild areas.

East Suffolk Council’s ‘Pardon the weeds, we’re feeding the bees’ campaign, where grass was left to grow longer to help wildlife thrive was launched in 2020 and aimed to boost the biodiversity on 100 pieces of council-owned land by limiting grass cutting to twice per year. The wild areas were marked with eye-catching yellow signs to make residents and visitors aware of the scheme.

Building on the success of Pardon the Weeds, and learning from local and national examples, East Suffolk Council is now revising the scheme, by increasing the number of sites and improving the biodiversity value of key sites. The scheme, which will officially launch later this year, will be rebranded as 'Nature at Work', with new recyclable signs to replace the Pardon the Weeds signs, many of which had become damaged over the years.

As well as reduced grass cutting, Nature at Work will aim to improve the biodiversity value of wild areas, ensuring key sites are seeded and actively managed. The project will also involve local schools and community groups and an informal Facebook group will be set up giving people the chance to engage with others, offering advice and seed/equipment exchanges. It may also be possible to involve local landowners, businesses and housing associations in future to add sites not owned by the Council.

Cllr Sally Noble, East Suffolk Council's cabinet member for the Environment said: "Having been reviewed by the cross-council Environment Task Group, we are delighted that the successful Pardon the Weeds scheme will now evolve into Nature at Work, which aims to further address the ecological and biodiversity crisis by rebranding and expanding the campaign. Wildflower and grass verges are essential habitats that provide food and shelter for many species of pollinators, invertebrates, birds and mammals, as well as bees and Nature at Work will reflect that.

"This refreshed approach will include new signage, an increase in areas managed for biodiversity, and engagement with schools and other organisations, and I am looking forward to the scheme officially launching later this year."

East Suffolk's Amazing: Let's Keep It That Way!

East Suffolk Council Leader Caroline Topping is asking local people to take pride in where they live with the launch of a brand new campaign: "East Suffolk's Amazing – Let's Keep It That Way!"

A cross-party working group of councillors is looking at different ways that we can all work together to maintain the beauty of East Suffolk, and this includes encouraging more residents to take active pride in their local area. This includes reducing fly-tipping, recycling properly and even, where possible, looking after the spaces outside residents' own property.

There is already an incredible network of volunteers who help keep our district beautiful, with regular litter-picks, planting, and an all-round effort to keep their local area clean. East Suffolk Council is encouraging more people to get involved and to really do their bit to keep East Suffolk Amazing.

The Council will support local communities and groups by lending out equipment for litter pick events, including hi-viz vests, litter pickers, bags and bag hoops. With this in mind, a range of information about how communities can get involved in schemes, as well as a range of tips and advice, can be now found at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/amazing.

Cllr Topping said: “We invest every single penny we can in services to help maintain the beauty and cleanliness of East Suffolk – but sometimes, we have to be honest and admit that it can never necessarily be enough. The pressure on budgets is felt in our homes as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, they are felt by businesses who are doing their very best to stay afloat, and they are also felt by councils such as ours who have seen their funding reduced considerably.

“If we could, we would employ many more people, through our operational partners East Suffolk Services, to ensure our district remains spotless at all times. But the reality is that this simply isn’t possible.

“So, what is possible? For me, and for everyone at East Suffolk, we hope and believe that the incredible local pride we all share can be put to the best possible use. If local people and organisations want to play their part, we would love them to get involved. East Suffolk’s Amazing... let’s keep it that way!”

Cllr Mark Jepson, Conservative Group Lead, said: “East Suffolk’s Amazing has been an excellent example of cross party collaboration and continues the theme from the Conservative administration, particularly around the environment. This approach demonstrates what can be achieved when we all work together for a common aim.”

Cllr Peter Byatt, Labour Group Lead said: “I am delighted that this project, inspired by our motion to ‘Clean-up East Suffolk’, has become something that can be supported across our communities and by all Councillors. East Suffolk Council, in taking the lead on this, has shown the potential for us all to play our appropriate part in looking after where we live, work and relax.”

Cllr David Beavan, Liberal Democrat Group Lead and Deputy Leader of the Council, said: “It makes our day to walk out onto a clean street. Our hard working staff need everyone’s help to clean up after a selfish minority.”

East Suffolk Blooms community wildflower growing scheme returns

A flourishing environmental scheme, encouraging people in East Suffolk to grow beautiful, pollinator-friendly wildflowers, is returning for 2024.

Each year, East Suffolk Council distributes free packs of bulbs to town and parish councils, community groups and organisations to plant locally as part of the East Suffolk Blooms campaign. The planting efforts of last year’s successful applicants are already being rewarded with colourful narcissus displays.

This time, in tandem with the East Suffolk’s Amazing project to promote an all-round effort to keeping the district clean and attractive, and in order to provide greater benefit to pollinators, East Suffolk Council will be offering blends of native bulbs that appeal particularly to bees and butterflies.

East Suffolk Council's Public Realm Contracts Manager, Laura Hack said: “We were thrilled with the level of interest in last year’s scheme and we’re looking forward to receiving applications for East Suffolk Blooms in 2024.

“We expect to have enough bags of bulbs to distribute one to each of 50 groups across the district.”

Packs of bulbs will be available to collect in the autumn, around October, from two locations in the district.

A ‘Bees Mix’ of bulbs flowers from February to May and includes crocuses, chionodoxas, scillas, muscaris and naturalising tulips, while the ‘Butterfly Mix’ flowers between May and July and comprises camassias, nectaroscordums, irises and alliums.

The scheme is funded by East Suffolk Council’s trading company and services operator, East Suffolk Services Ltd, and from the Enabling Communities Budget scheme.

An application form will be available to complete online until 30 June, before a judging panel meets to decide the successful applicants, with additional consideration given to groups reapplying after missing out last year. Applicants will then be informed of the decision by August.

To view the application form, visit: my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/east_suffolk_blooms

East Suffolk beaches amongst the best in country

East Suffolk’s beautiful beaches have once again received national awards, ranking them amongst the best in the country.

Each year, the country’s best beaches are awarded Blue Flags and Seaside Awards and once again, four of East Suffolk’s beaches have been selected.

Both Felixstowe (Felixstowe South and Pier) and Southwold (Southwold Pier) have received combined Seaside Awards and Blue Flags whilst the beaches at Lowestoft South of Claremont Pier (bathing / resort) and Kessingland (non-bathing) have received Seaside Awards.

Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk’s cabinet member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism said: “We are delighted to once again receive these national awards which highlight the quality of East Suffolk’s beaches and place them amongst the best in the country. We work hard to help maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our beaches, and the district as a whole, and we are also incredibly grateful to the network of volunteers who give up their time to keep our beaches litter-free all year round. East Suffolk’s amazing, as these prestigious awards show and we look forward to seeing people enjoying our beaches this summer.”

In total 150 sites – made up of 148 beaches, along with a marina and an inland bathing water - in England have been presented with awards recognising the quality of the sites, the way they are managed and the facilities they offer to visitors. 72 beaches across the

country met the high standards required for a Blue Flag award - the world's most recognised award for beaches, marinas and inland bathing waters.

Keep Britain Tidy's Chief Executive, Allison Ogden-Newton OBE said: "These awards are a credit to the collective efforts of beach managers, volunteers, residents and businesses who have worked tirelessly to maintain, protect and improve some of our best-loved and most popular beaches and we'd like to take this moment to recognise and applaud them.

"Visitors to a beach flying a Blue Flag can be assured the beach will be clean, safe and meet the highest environmental standards, as well as international bathing water quality standards.

"The Blue Flag is the world's most recognised award for beaches and marinas and, to qualify, each applicant must meet and maintain a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety and accessibility criteria.

"Seaside Awards are presented to the best beaches in England and celebrate the quality and diversity of our coastline."

Blue Flag is an international award managed by Keep Britain Tidy on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education and is presented to well-managed beaches with excellent water quality and environmental education programmes. This is the fifth consecutive year in which Felixstowe has received the Blue Flag and the third consecutive year for Southwold.

The Seaside Award, run by Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards beaches in England that achieve the highest standards of beach management and, in the case of bathing beaches, meet the required standards for water quality and other specified criteria.

East Suffolk Council backs ambitions to regenerate Deben River

East Suffolk Council is supporting the efforts of The Deben Climate Centre to deliver "a radical and ambitious plan to regenerate the Deben River for people and nature".

The Centre is an expanding coalition of residents, academics, local community groups, charities and organisations which plans to regenerate the River Deben Catchment through widespread community action.

Cllr Sally Noble, East Suffolk Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment believes that the Centre's aims are critically important and says that East Suffolk Council will do whatever it can to help them achieve their ambitions.

She said: “There is no time to lose, which is why we are committed to supporting the Deben Climate Centre who are already working towards restoring and protecting our unique river catchment areas of the Deben and others across the district. As a council, we want to do all we can to improve water quality and biodiversity across our district and provide support where we can for this vital project.

“This includes our expertise in both ecological and environmental issues, as well as routes to funding which can provide the much-needed resources a scheme of this nature desperately needs.

“We also hope that this can become a learning landscape for a new relationship between people and nature, as a template to be rolled out throughout the entire East Suffolk district.”

The Centre’s programs to date have focused on testing water quality on the Deben, and several lecture series highlighting the local effects of Climate Change, the global food security crisis, and the startling loss of species and habitats.

Deben Climate founders Professor Peter Hobson and Eamonn O’Nolan said: “Ours is a radical and ambitious plan to regenerate the Deben River for people and nature and it is built on the collective will of a partnership between local people, community environment groups and other key stakeholders such as farmers and land-owners.

“We are thrilled to work with East Suffolk Council, and we recognise that successful projects like this require the support and expertise of skilled Local Government officers and members. This partnership marks an important step forward in equipping our local communities to respond to Climate Change.

“East Suffolk residents have suffered badly in recent years from Climate-related flooding. This plan contains radical initiatives which will help to revive the river’s capacity to deal with sudden rainfall events and provide a model for sustainable land management.”

Battery Green development given the go ahead

Plans for a major development which will reinvigorate Lowestoft’s town centre have been given planning consent by East Suffolk Council’s Planning Committee.

The Cultural Quarter project, which when complete will be known as Battery Green, is one of five transformational regeneration projects which received £24.9m from the Government’s Towns Fund in 2022 and will see the redevelopment of East Suffolk Council’s current Customer Services Centre and the former Battery Green multi-storey car park.

Designed by Norwich-based architects Chaplin Farrant, the development will provide a new cultural and community hub with studio space for creative businesses together with a leisure complex and restaurant.

Cllr Toby Hammond, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Economic Development and Transport said: "Battery Green will bring new facilities into the town centre and in combination with other regeneration projects which are also underway, this will help to attract visitors and businesses to Lowestoft and enhance the town for the benefit of local residents."

Mark Camidge of Chaplin Farrant said: "Chaplin Farrant are delighted that the Battery Green proposals have been given the approval. A huge team effort from all involved has seen the designs develop through collaboration and public engagement to reach a final scheme that we hope will create a new vibrant cultural quarter for Lowestoft. A sustainable regeneration scheme comprising reuse, recycling and environmentally friendly new build will be a catalyst for the town moving forward."

The Cultural Quarter project is just one of many regenerative projects underway in the town, with a new seafront complex being built at Jubilee Parade and improvements at Royal Plain, Royal Green and South Quay Wharf.

Earlier this month, East Suffolk Council, First Light Festival CIC and East Norfolk Sixth Form College announced that Arts Council England investment had been secured to bring three exciting cultural projects to Lowestoft. One of these is a unique Place Partnership project called The Battery of Ideas that brings together a consortium of leading cultural, education and creative health partners to test ideas for the development of the new Cultural Quarter. First Light Festival CIC has been awarded £700,000 from Arts Council England for this project which will, with additional support of just under £300,000 from East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, re-use the former Tesco on London Road North as its base, to be a hub of creative participation, volunteering, creative skills and creative enterprise opportunities.

Agreement was reached earlier this month to relocate East Suffolk Council's customer services facility as part of the plans for the Cultural Quarter.

Work at Battery Green will begin in the coming weeks and hoardings are currently being erected, resulting in the closure of the car park. The nearest car parks are at Whapload Road and Clapham Road.

The public toilets at Gordon Road will also be permanently closed as part of this multi-million-pound redevelopment. Alternative toilets are available at Lowestoft Bus Station, Lowestoft Station, the Triangle Market and in Lowestoft Library. New toilet facilities will also be included in the new development.

Ease the Squeeze on cost of living

Are you, or someone you know, worried about the increasing cost of living?

We understand the pressures faced by many people today and we are working closely with key partners to ensure support is available to help ease the squeeze for households in East Suffolk.

To make it as easy as possible for you to access the services and support available, locally and nationally, we have gathered information about them in one place:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/

For the most up to date information regarding East Suffolk Council, please visit:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk