

BRANDON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
held at the Church Institute, London Road, Brandon on Monday 9th May 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr S Skinner (Chair), Cllr S Annear, Cllr L Atkins, Cllr B Brabbs, Cllr P Etherington, Cllr J Lloyd-Blackwell, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr D Moore, Cllr D Palmer, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr N Vant, Cllr C Whiteman, Cllr P Wittam

Local Government Electors of the Town of Brandon: 9+ member of the public all eligible to speak and vote on proposals.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE and approval of reasons tendered.
Cllr J Hughes - absent.

2. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021

Proposer: Cllr S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr P Etherington

Resolution Record No: **BTC/201/09/May/22**

CARRIED: Unanimous

THE MEETING RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE YEAR 2021/22

Cllr Skinner thanked all the Councillors for their support and also all the staff for implementing directions and going above and beyond. He mentioned the installation of the new planters in Brandon which he felt were making Brandon a much more pleasant place to live and hoped that all those present would be attending the start of the Torch Relay.

4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CHARITIES – THE BRANDON POOR'S ESTATE; THE EDMUND ATMERE CHARITY; THE LINGHEATH TRUST CHARITY; BRANDON REMEMBRANCE PLAYING FIELDS.

Reports were received from the Brandon Poor's Estate, the Edmund Atmere Charity, the Lingheath Trust Charity and Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields. Cllr Lukaniuk thanked Cllr Etherington for her report concerning the Poor's Estate and also Mrs Vant for reports from the Edmund Atmere and Lingheath Charities.

Cllr Wittam arrived at 6.40pm.

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5. TO DISCUSS MATTERS AFFECTING THE TOWN OF BRANDON

Cllr Lukaniuk stated he had visited AbbeyCroft Leisure and their event for teenagers – Teen Chill. He commented that he was very impressed with the numbers that were attending and the activities available for them.

Cllr Lukaniuk then questioned Cllr Moore and asked when the railway track at Weeting would be available for viewing. Cllr Moore stated that Cllr Lukaniuk had already visited the group at the Brandon Festival and received answers to questions he had posed.

Cllr Moore further added that the group were at the Weeting base on most Saturday's but there were a number of events that they are involved in coming up in the next few weeks.

Cllr Lukaniuk further added that he wished to thank those at West Suffolk Council for the professional cleaning of the High Street and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mark Walsh who oversees Environmental Services.

Cllr Palmer reported that the Scout Group including all aspects of the group were now fully subscribed and there is a waiting list for places.

Cllr Brabbs asked Cllr Lukaniuk what was happening about LTN's (low traffic neighbourhoods).

Cllr Lukaniuk stated that he had no knowledge of this matter. Cllr Etherington commented that LTN's had been implemented in Ipswich and schemes were currently running there. Cllr Palmer also added that LTN's were first used in the London area in approximately 2004.

Cllr Ridgwell enquired if there was any progress regarding the idea of making Church Road a single one-way carriageway. Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of this.

Cllr Ridgwell then again raised the cost of the replacement bus shelter at George Street adding that he felt it should have been considered to construct a brick-built shelter. Cllr Etherington added that was it not previous brick shelter that had caused unsocial behaviour previously.

Cllr Ridgwell informed the meeting that he had suggested to the Brandon Remembrance Playing Field that they consider the construction of a pitch and putt course.

A member of the Neighbourhood Watch group informed the assembled residents and Councillors that as the scheme had now closed the money which they held would be returned by their treasurer to Brandon Town Council. The Clerk stated that he had given the relevant bank details to the treasurer previously and would again remind the person to action this task.

Cllr Whiteman introduced a resident who was struggling to get their child at placement at a local school. Cllr Lloyd-Blackwell took the persons details and said she would assist the person with the online process.

There was no further discussion needed and the Chair closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm

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