



BURNHAM ON CROUCH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 2021 AT 7.30pm.

THIS MEETING WAS HELD 'REMOTELY' IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020, enable meetings to be held remotely, and allow local authorities to hold and alter the frequency and occurrence of meetings without the need for further notice. The changes in legislation have been made in order to help smaller authorities in the performance of their duties as a result of the restrictions of movement and limitations on social contact necessary to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Present: Councillors R. Pratt (Town Mayor), V. Bell (Deputy Town Mayor), B. Calver, J. Donnelly, M-A. Munford, W. Stamp, K. Coles.

In Attendance: K Money (Planning Officer/RFO, Temporary Town Clerk), J Jeffery (Temporary Assistant) and two Members of the Public.

479 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Neil Pudney, District Councillor N Skeens and Sarah Grimes (Town Clerk).

480 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

All Town Councillors have completed their Statutory Declarations of Interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Code of Conduct for Members, adopted by the Town Council.

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any 'personal or prejudicial' interests relating to items on the Agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members. Members are reminded that they are also required to declare interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the Meeting.

None Declared

481 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM SLA FOR 2021/2022

To discuss the proposed Service Level Agreement for 2021/2022 – Circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Munford gave a brief outline of the points discussed with the working group.

The cost per hour for 2021/2022 is £35.06, the team does not offer a output/outcome service. The SLA gave the following headings for discussion.

Dog Fouling - The group felt that dog fouling is an issue for the town. 40%

Truacam – The group felt this should be carried out by the police. 0%

Anti Social Behaviour – It was felt that this should be included and presence to include market day would be advantageous. 20%

Site Checks – It was felt this was not necessary as the town office is manned. 0%

School Parking Patrol – This would be very helpful, with input given to all schools in the town. 20%

On Street Parking – problematic areas were identified and included in the agreement, Cllr Munford asked that Coronation Road be included as well. 20%

A discussion took place regarding how many hours were allocated each month. Cllr Munford informed that in the previous year an allocation was given of £20,200. Mr Money, RFO confirmed that £20,200 had been allocated in the budget for 2021/2022.

Mrs Jeffery commented that she was not aware of the previous years contracted hours as she had no access to the server to obtain the information.

Cllr Stamp informed that the Community Engagement Team have eleven contracted hours per week costing £20,200 per annum. Cllr Stamp commented that the 40% allocation to dog fouling would equate to approx. £8,000 for the coming year.

Cllr Calver commented that he felt if 40% allocation was needed to address dog fouling issues in the town, then it would be advantageous.

Cllr Coles commented that the SLA can be modified throughout the year.

Cllr Stamp commented that historically dog fouling goes down from April to September when restrictions are in place. Cllr Stamp also commented that she did not agree with no provision for Trucam, speeding is an issue that needs to be addressed. The Police are not carrying out regular speed checks and historically that is why Burnham Town Council used the services of the Community Engagement Team to fill the gap.

Cllr Pratt commented that previously the Town Clerk would liaise with the Community Engagement Team to address issues around the town.

Cllr Calver commented that Maldon District Council needs a steer from Burnham Town Council as to our priorities.

Cllr Stamp informed that monthly reports from the team are circulated to all members.

Cllr Bell asked Mrs Jeffery regarding Clerks input, Mrs Jeffery commented that the service is an input based service which requires input from Clerks, Members and Residents, this gives the team a better insight to timings and areas that need to be focused on.

Cllr Pratt suggested that 25% dog fouling and the other emphasis on school patrols and trucam may be a better use of the allocation.

Cllr Stamp informed that Marsh Road site is a problematic area that needs to be monitored. Cllr Stamp asked if the SLA is a stringent document.

Cllr Bell informed that anti social behaviour will rise with the lighter nights as it seems to be seasonal.

Cllr Stamp informed that the Community Engagement Team officers can spend double the amount of time allocated in Burnham as they are also paid by Maldon District Council to monitor Maldon District Council owned sites around Burnham.

Cllr Stamp proposed the recording of the vote, seconded by Cllr Munford.

Cllr Calver proposed acceptance of the working groups suggestion of 40% dog fouling, 20% Anti Social Behaviour, 20% School Patrol, 20% On Street Parking, seconded by Cllr Munford.

There was a counter proposal by Cllr Stamp of 20% Trucam, 20% Dog Fouling, 20% Anti social behaviour, 20% School Patrol, 20% On Street Parking, seconded by Cllr Donnelly.

A vote was taken, Two for, Three against, Two abstained.

For – Cllr Stamp and Cllr Donnelly
Against – Cllr Munford, Cllr Bell and Cllr Calver
Abstain – Cllr Cole and Cllr Pratt

A vote was taken for Cllr Calver's proposal Three For, Three Against, 1 Abstain,
For – Cllr Calver, Cllr Munford and Cllr Bell
Against – Cllr Stamp, Cllr Donnelly and Cllr Cole
Abstain – Cllr Pratt
Chairman's (Cllr Pratt) casting vote for
Resolved proposal carried.

Cllr Stamp asked for the monetary terms
40% = £ 8,080 Dog Fouling
20% = £ 4,040 Anti Social Behaviour
20% = £ 4,040 School Patrol
20% = £ 4,040 On Street Parking
Total £20,200

Cllr Pratt asked for Maldon District Council Community Engagement Team to confirm that the SLA can be amended and changed during the year.

RESOLVED: Service Level Agreement to be completed for 2021/2022, with agreed breakdown of services.

Action: Temp Town Clerk to submit completed Service Level Agreement to the Community Engagement Team.

482 ACCOUNTS AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS

To approve the payments of Additional Accounts for March 2021 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Town Councils financial requirements.

RESOLVED: that the payment of Additional Accounts for March 2021 be approved

483 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members to note the following: 20.04.21: 18.05.21: 15.06.21: 20.07.21: 21.09.21: 19.10.21: 16.11.21: 21.12.21

Cllr Pratt Thanked Mr Money for circulating the calendar, Cllr Stamp commented that the Mayor making meeting has been omitted from the calendar.

Cllr Pratt closed the meeting at 8.15pm.