

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting

**held THE BEECHES COMMUNITY CENTRE, Birch Court, Tuxford on Thursday
14 July 2022, commencing 5:45pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs F Frost (Vice Chair) D Clark (until 6:15pm), P Downing, M Richards, S Richardson, K Rutherford, and R Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk and five members of the public were also present

FC073 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Moorhouse and C Longmore

RESOLVED: Reasons for apologies were given and accepted.

There were no apologies received from Cllr E Bett and Cllr C Waugh.

FC074 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FC075 Correspondence (if any)

None

FC076 Tuxford Development Opportunities

Scout Hut

Cllr PD informed members that Tuxford Scout and Guides had met and are in the process of registering trustees on to the charity in the next week or so. It is then hoped to be able to discuss opening up the building to the community.

The Beeches Community Centre

Bassetlaw District Council have confirmed that they would be willing to consider selling the community centre to Tuxford Community Events, as long as there was no objection from the town council. Cllr PD asked members to support this application.

RESOLVED: With a vote of six members supporting, with one objection, it was resolved to support this application **in principle, subject to** the group providing a plan of what their intentions are, **how it will benefit the community and** that they have followed due diligence when looking to purchase it. One councillor, supported by all others asked that the agreement ensures that the town council are offered first refusal sale of the community centre if the community group folds.

Land – Cllr PD asked members to explore the idea of developing the land (2 acres of town council owned land) adjacent to the former old village hall site, to generate employment and facilities in the town.

What is lost in green field open space it was suggested that the town council could liaise with the Walks of Life to look at ways to utilise their six acres of land, to secure the future of that charity too.

Cllr GF asked Cllr SR and Cllr RW to give members an update on a recent meeting with the District Council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr SR advised that Bassetlaw District Council needs to do a re-assessment of land in the area as several areas have not been classified correctly. It is hoped that this is picked up when re-doing the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr RW confirmed that Bassetlaw District Council have agreed to offer funding to revise the current Neighbourhood Plan, as part of a new pilot scheme. There is also funding available for technical support. Further things to consider for the Neighbourhood Plan include a ‘community hub’ community café, GP surgery, tourism, further businesses, community interest companies etc.

Cllr GF asked if the newly formed Tuxford Community Events group (which is a Community Interest Charity) would consider joining the Neighbourhood Plan and asked them if they could post on social media to gain further interest and support from the community. Neighbourhood planning gives the community direct power to develop a shared vision for their town and shape the development and growth of the local area. The more support received from the community the more effective the plan will be. Whilst the town council are overseeing the revised plan, it is independent of the town council, as a group.

Tuxford Community Events agreed to join the Neighbourhood Plan group.

ACTION: Clerk to send copies of the current Neighbourhood Plan to Tuxford Community Events and the chairman of the group is to liaise directly with Cllr RW.

RESOLVED: It was agreed by all that Cllr PD will contact the development consultants and put on hold all discussions regarding land until the town plan and neighbourhood plan has been agreed.

The Chair thanked Councillors for their contributions to the meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:05pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE..... DATE