

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Date of meeting: Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: Cllrs Asker, de Vries, Gadd, Light, Porch (Chair), Roberts and Toy.

Officers: Lisa Courtney, Town Clerk and Terry Frostick, Operations Manager

Public: Angela Dixon from Saffron Hall
Representative of the Reporter newspaper

FC 051-22	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Coote, Eke, Fairhurst, Freeman, Frost, Gregory, Hawke-Smith, McLellan, Millward</p>
FC 052-22	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllrs de Vries and Light declared generic non-pecuniary interests as District Councillors for Uttlesford District Council (UDC).</p> <p>Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as County Councillor for Essex County Council.</p>
FC 053-22	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>There were no questions arising.</p>
	<p>With the permission of Council, the Mayor brought forward agenda item 8 being an update from Saffron Hall</p>
FC 054-22	<p>Saffron Hall</p> <p>Angela Dixon, Chief Executive Officer at Saffron Hall presented details to Council of Saffron Hall's current and future activities. She spoke of the initial work being carried out with SWTC regarding cultural opportunities in Saffron Walden and how to make the offer more accessible and affordable to local families. It was noted that discussions were already in hand with SWTC Officers and a report will come forward to a future A & S Committee meeting regarding any proposals. Angela was thanked for her presentation.</p>
FC 055-22	<p>Essex County Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Gadd updated Members of the communication and efforts of ECC to support Ukrainian families and refugees. Cllr Asker advised conversations were progressing</p>

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	<p>with both MAG and local developers for provision of temporary accommodation on land in their ownership and/or financial contributions towards supporting refugees; these are matters which Cllr Asker is progressing as a District Councillor. Cllr Toy expressed concern at central Government's support for Ukraine, support which he believes is fractured and poor; this view was supported by other Councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd updated Council on the health provision for SW residents, noting that whilst SW residents were able to access services at Cambridgeshire hospitals, this then presented issues with follow up aftercare. Issues arose from the discharge from one county (Cambridgeshire) to the aftercare in another, Essex.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd updated Council on highway matters generally, noting the proposed bollards at the Sun Inn were due for installation under the Local Highways Panel scheme in 2022-23. Cllr Gadd explained that the most recent updates have been provided to the Planning and Transport Committee and written updates are available within the P&T Committee Reports.</p> <p>Cllr Light enquired on the status of the tree works in the High Street. Cllr Gadd advised that ECC will be removing 4 trees which have caused considerable damage to the footpath and will then undertake emergency repair works. This repair work may initially include tarmac of the path and whilst this may not be the preferred permanent solution, the tarmac will provide a safer pedestrian route along the High Street. Cllr Gadd advised that a more permanent scheme is being considered by ECC and further details are awaited.</p>
FC 056-22	<p>Mayor's Communications</p> <p>The Mayor provided a written update which was noted by Council.</p>
FC 057-22	<p>To verify the Minutes of the Town Council meetings</p> <p>The March Full Council minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Chair</p>
FC 058-22	<p>To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meetings</p> <p>Council received and noted the minutes from the following Committee meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Transport 10.03.2022 • Planning and Transport 24.03.2022 • Finance and Establishment 21.03.2022 • Assets and Services 28.03.2022
FC 059-22	<p>Motion regarding Ukraine</p> <p>It was unanimously Resolved:</p> <p>To adopt the motion as proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Porch as presented, save for a change on page 2, item 2 changing the word "drives" to "efforts".</p>

FC 060-22	<p>Community Governance Review</p> <p>Council noted details of the legal order, formally changing the electoral arrangements for Saffron Walden town as follows:</p> <p>Audley Ward: four seats</p> <p>Castle and Little Walden Ward: five seats</p> <p>Shire Ward: nine seats</p> <p>The changes represented a 2-seat increase in Shire Ward and the amalgamation of Castle and Little Walden into one ward.</p>
FC 062-22	<p>Town Council Action Plan and Priorities</p> <p>Council reviewed and approved the updated action plan. It was noted that appropriate and proportionate resourcing must be allocated to specific tasks if the Council is to successfully deliver on all objectives. The Town Clerk stressed the importance of being appropriately equipped and resourced to deliver on all of the outcomes.</p>
FC 063-22	<p>Reports from other Meetings</p> <p>No meetings reported.</p>
FC 064-22	<p>Additional Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>No meetings reported.</p>
FC 065-22	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p>The Clerk reminded Members of the Easter craft activities taking place on Thursday 14th April 2022, seeking help and volunteers for these sessions. Members are to contact the Events Officer if they can help on the day.</p>
FC	<p>Date and time of Next meeting(s)</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th May (7.30pm) and will be preceded by the Annual (General) Meeting at 7pm</p>

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.25pm