

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

COUNCIL

**Held on Thursday, 4 July 2013 at 10.00 am in the
Anglia Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham**

PRESENT

Mrs S Armes	Mr M.A. Kiddle-Morris
Mr W.P. Borrett	Mr R.G. Kybird (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor C Bowes	Mrs S.M. Matthews
Mrs B Canham	Mrs K. Millbank
Mr T R Carter	Mrs L.H. Monument
Councillor M. Chapman-Allen	Mr M J Nairn
Mr R.P. Childerhouse	Mr R. R. Richmond
Mr P.D. Claussen (Chairman)	Mr W. R. J. Richmond
Mr J.P. Cowen	Mr J.D. Rogers
Mr P.J. Duigan	Mr B. Rose
Mr K.S. Gilbert	Mr W.H.C. Smith
Mr R.F. Goreham	Mr A.C. Stasiak
Councillor E. Gould	Mrs L.S. Turner
Mr T. J. Jermy	Mr M. A. Wassell
Mr A.P. Joel	Mr N.C. Wilkin
Mrs E. M. Jolly	Mr D.R. Williams JP
Mr C.R. Jordan	

In Attendance

Julie Britton	- Senior Committee Officer
Trevor Holden	- Interim Chief Executive
Teresa Smith	- Committee Officer (Scrutiny & Projects)

53/13 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23 May 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54/13 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Askew, Mr Bambridge, Mr Byrne, Mr C Carter, Mr Clark, Mr Darby, Mr Duffield, Mr Green, Mrs Irving, Mr Martin, Mr Monument, Mrs North, Mrs Pettitt, Mr Robinson, Mr Sharpe, Mr Sherwood, Mr Skull, Mrs Spencer, and Mrs Steward.

It was noted that Mr Nunn was attending the LGA Conference.

55/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 3)

The Chairman announced with sadness that Mr Pat Balaam had

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passed away. He had served as a Councillor from 2007 to 2011, and had been very much a man of the community in Thetford for many years.

The Funeral was being held on Tuesday 16 July at St Cuthbert Church at 11.30am followed by a burial at Thetford Cemetery. The Chairman conveyed his thoughts and condolences to the family.

Members then observed a minutes silence.

The list of previous engagements was noted.

The Chairman said his Blog was going live and he would provide a demonstration at the end of the meeting.

56/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

In the interest of transparency Councillor Jolly declared that Item 2 within the planning agenda regarding the proposed construction of a 65 million gallon irrigation water reservoir was on the boundary of her farm.

Councillor Kybird as declared in the Audit Committee Minute No. 31/13.

57/13 CABINET MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 5)

(1) Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (Minute No 47/13)

RESOLVED that Option 1 of the report be endorsed and the Statement of Community Involvement (2013) including changes made as a result of the public consultation as a Council document be adopted.

(2) Quarter 4 Financial Performance Report (Minute No 49/13)

RESOLVED that:

a) £585,000.00 be contributed into a new Communities Reserve to allow the Council to fund community based projects; and

b) the provisions totalling £346,000.00 be approved.

(3) Adoption

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 June 2013 be adopted.

58/13 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION (AGENDA ITEM 6)

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(1) Executive Member Portfolio Update (Communities) (Minute No. 27/13)

Councillor Armes said she was pleased that the Council was engaging with Thetford Town Council regarding the Leisure Centres and hoped that standards would improve following the review.

Referring to the comments made by Councillor Bambridge in relation to the Memorial Hall, Councillor Goreham said it was a shame that the said Councillor was not at the meeting to expand on the matter, however, he said he had no objection to a review into any organisation which received funding from Breckland Council and thought it was highly desirable for this to be completed fairly.

Councillor Cowen agreed with Councillor Goreham's comments and assured that it would be.

(2) Adoption

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 6 June 2013 be adopted.

59/13 PLANNING COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Under minute no: 56/13(d) (3rd para) the word 'market' being replaced by the word 'marked' and subject to Councillor Armes being marked as present at this meeting it was:

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 June 2013 be adopted.

60/13 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 8)

Mr Goreham presented his retrospective apologies.

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 29 May be adopted.

61/13 AUDIT COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 9)

a) Confirmed minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 7 June 2013

RESOLVED that the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 7 June 2013 be adopted.

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b) **Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 28 June 2013**

(1) **PFI Benchmarking (Minute No 40/13)**

RESOLVED that the recommendations within the report be approved.

(2) **Adoption**

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 28 June 2013 be adopted.

As a new member of the Audit Committee, Mrs Canham expressed her thanks to the officer involved with the PFI report. She thought it was an excellent report and had been easy to understand.

62/13 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 10)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Councillor Jordan expressed his thanks to the Audit Committee Members, especially to Mr Jermy in producing a good quality scrutiny audit of the Council.

63/13 REFERENCE FROM ARP JOINT COMMITTEE - 13 JUNE 2013 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

RESOLVED that the Partnership Agreement dated 23 November 2012, be amended to delete paragraph 3.24.

64/13 NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS (AGENDA ITEM 12)

None.

The meeting closed at 10.25 am

CHAIRMAN