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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

COUNCIL

Held on Thursday, 10 March 2011 at 10.30 am in the  
Anglia Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

**PRESENT**

Mr S. Askew	Mrs D.K.R. Irving
Mr G.P. Balaam	Mr A.P. Joel
Mrs J. Ball	Mr C.R. Jordan
Mr S.G. Bambridge	Mr R.G. Kybird
Mr W.P. Borrett	Mr J.P. Labouchere
Councillor Claire Bowes	Mr K. Martin
Mr A.J. Byrne	Mrs L.H. Monument (Chairman)
Mrs M.P. Chapman-Allen	Mr D.G. Mortimer
Mr S.H. Chapman-Allen	Mr D.S. Myers
Mr R.P. Childerhouse	Mr J.W. Nunn
Mr J.P. Cowen	Mr J.D. Rogers
Mr R.W. Duffield	Mr B. Rose
Mr P.J. Duigan	Mr F.J. Sharpe
Mr M. Fanthorpe	Mr W.H.C. Smith
Mr P.S. Francis	Mr A.C. Stasiak
Mr R.F. Goreham	Mrs A.L. Steward
Councillor E. Gould	Mrs L.S. Turner
Mr J.R. Gretton	Mr N.C. Wilkin (Vice-Chairman)

**In Attendance**

Mark Stokes	- Deputy Chief Executive
Stephen McGrath	- Member Services Manager
Julie Britton	- Senior Committee Officer
Mike Brennan	- Principal Planning Officer (Capita Symonds for Breckland Council)
Dominic Chessum	- Marketing & Communications Officer
Terry Huggins	- Chief Executive
Stuart Green	- Chairman of Youth Council

**26/11 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

c) Minutes - 27 January 2011

Subject to a grammatical error, to amend the word *access* to excess, the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

d) Minutes - 24 February 2011

Subject to a grammatical error, to change the word *in appropriate* to inappropriate, the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**27/11 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames K Fisher, T

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Hewett, S Matthews, K Millbank, P Quadling and P Spencer and Messrs P Claussen, M Griffin, P Hewett, R Kemp, M Kiddle-Morris, T Lamb, I Monson, S Rogers, I Sherwood, M Spencer and D Williams.

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**28/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

Although not officially invited, the Chairman had been asked to attend the funeral of Private Phillip Hendry who had been killed whilst on patrol in Afghanistan. She had been overwhelmed by the amount of people who had lined the streets in Dereham to pay their respects to this young soldier.

On a lighter note, the sponsored slim had officially finished and the Chairman was pleased to announce that 46lbs in weight had been lost not counting the three Members who still had to be weighed in. She congratulated Stephen Askew for losing over a stone in weight and informed the Council that everyone involved would be coming round to collect their sponsorship money which was all in aid of the Young Carers' Association.

In his usual jovial manner, the Vice-Chairman asked if there was a prize for the person who had gained the most weight. He unfortunately weighed 2lb heavier than when he started but was pleased with the amount of money he had already, in his own words, *conned*.....collected from Members.

**Engagements List – Chairman**  
**24<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Host</b>
2 March 11	Funeral of Private Hendry	
4 March 11	Topping-out ceremony to celebrate the new rural development	Flagship Peddars Way
6 March 11	Justice Service	High Sheriff of Norfolk, Charles Barratt

**29/11 CABINET - 22 FEBRUARY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

a) Transfer of Play Areas – Release of Monies (Minute No. 21/11)

The Opposition Leader was delighted to see that the negotiations with Swaffham Town Council and Thetford Town Council had reached fruition but wondered at what stage the negotiations were at with the remaining Town Councils. The Leader advised that negotiations were progressing and it was hoped that the remaining play areas would be transferred this year.

Cllr Mortimer took the opportunity to highlight the wish of Thetford Town Council to take over the Ramsey Close site in Thetford. He pointed out that a request had been put in writing

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to the Leader asking Cabinet Members to consider this request and put an end to this long drawn out saga. He was anxious to see the Town Council take over this piece of land for community use. The Leader assured Members that Ramsey Close was part of the Council's current programme of works that was being taken forward and he would ensure that this piece of work was expedited.

b) Contaminated Land Strategy (Minute No. 22/11)

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) the Contaminated Land Strategy be adopted as a Council working policy to commence 1 June 2011; and
- 2) any significant amendments or challenges to the adoption of the Policy during the consultation period to be reported back to Cabinet before the document went live.

c) Integrated Development Programme Local Investment Plan (Minute No. 23/11)

**RESOLVED** that the Integrated Delivery Document be endorsed and published and be formally submitted to the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA).

d) Adoption

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 February 2011 be adopted.

**30/11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 10 FEBRUARY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

a) Moving Thetford Forward (Minute No. 21/11)

The Overview & Scrutiny Chairman explained why this recommendation had been made to Council and not to Cabinet. Members had raised serious concern about the education in the Thetford area and had asked for the Council to approve the recommendation so that the full weight of Breckland Council was put behind the proposal to ensure that the grant funding remained with the Academy.

The Executive Member for the Corporate Development & Performance Portfolio had been informed that there were revenue costs involved which meant that Cabinet approval would still be required.

The Leader gave assurance that there were not any revenue costs in the recommendation and asked Members for their support.

**RESOLVED** that:

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- 1) the Member Champion role be refreshed to ensure that roles and responsibilities were clearly defined and local Members be fully engaged in the process and key milestones achieved;
- 2) Breckland Council to facilitate and provide full advice and support to the Project Sponsors where practically possible to support the development of the Thetford Academy; and
- 3) through the MTF Board, work together to ensure that all key stakeholders involved in the Academy be engaged fully in the early development process to provide the technical guidance and support required to help enable critical timelines to be met and for the project to be delivered.

b) Task & Finish Groups – Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel – ICT Review: Minute No. 22/11(b)

Members were informed that the Member Development Panel was a Working Party under Cabinet therefore, the Minutes of the Panel should be included on the Cabinet Agenda and not the Overview & Scrutiny Commission as resolved.

The Overview & Scrutiny Commission Chairman felt that there were certain aspects of the Member Development Panel that had never been disclosed to Members and this was why the Minutes had been requested. He felt that it was important that Members understood what the Member Development Panel did and he asked for the Minutes to be included on the Overview & Scrutiny Commission Agenda for information as well.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Member Development Panel be included on the Cabinet Agenda and the Overview & Scrutiny Commission Agenda for information.

c) Adoption

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 10 February 2011 be adopted.

**31/11 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

The Chairman of the Development Control Committee announced that there would be a site visit to the anaerobic digester plant in Taverham at 1pm. All Members were invited.

c) Development Control Committee - 24 January 2011

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Development Control Committee meeting held on 24 January 2011 be adopted.

d) Development Control Committee - 14 February 2011

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Development Control

**Julie Britton,  
Helen  
McAleer, Rory  
Ringer, Teresa  
Smith**

Committee meeting held on 14 February 2011 be adopted.

**32/11 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - 16 FEBRUARY 2011  
(AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16 February 2011 be adopted.

**33/11 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 15 FEBRUARY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 15 February 2011 be adopted.

**34/11 BRECKLAND AREA MUSEUMS COMMITTEE - 4 FEBRUARY 2011  
(AGENDA ITEM 10)**

a) Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse (Minute No. 7/11)

The Opposition Leader highlighted the sentence about the financial uncertainty being the Museum's biggest challenge. Given that uncertainty, he was not completely sure about what funding arrangements Gressenhall had in place. He also wished to highlight the excellent facility it was and wondered whether Breckland Council could re-affirm its commitment to it in these dark times.

Cllr Duigan stated that Breckland Council had always supported the successful Museum and this had been the reason why Breckland Area Museums Committee had been set up.

Cllr Labouchere said that he had been to the Museum on a number of occasions and commended the Committee for keeping it going and for doing such a grand job.

b) Adoption

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Breckland Area Museums Committee meeting held on 4 February 2011 be noted.

**35/11 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION) (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

c) YESS Campaign Committee - 20 December 2010

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Breckland Youth Council YESS Campaign Committee meeting held on 20 December 2010 be noted.

d) Youth Council Meeting - 18 January 2011

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Breckland Youth Council meeting held on 18 January 2011 be noted.

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**36/11 NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS (AGENDA  
ITEM 12)**

Cllr Labouchere informed Members that he would be standing down from the Norfolk Health Scrutiny Committee and therefore a replacement was required.

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The meeting closed at 11.10 am

CHAIRMAN