

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

COUNCIL

**Held on Thursday, 20 September 2012 at 10.30 am in the
Anglia Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham**

PRESENT

Mrs S Armes	Mr K. Martin
Mr S. Askew	Mrs S.M. Matthews
Mr S.G. Bambridge	Mrs K. Millbank
Mr W.P. Borrett	Mrs L.H. Monument
Councillor C Bowes	Mr T F C Monument
Mrs B Canham	Mr M J Nairn
Mr T R Carter	Mrs J A North
Councillor M. Chapman-Allen	Mr J.W. Nunn
Mr R.P. Childerhouse	Mrs K. Pettitt
Mr C. S. Clark	Mr R. R. Richmond
Mr P.D. Claussen (Vice- Chairman)	Mr W. R. J. Richmond
Mr P R W Darby	Mr M. S. Robinson
Mr P.J. Duigan	Mr J.D. Rogers
Mr R.F. Goreham (Chairman)	Mr B. Rose
Councillor E. Gould	Mr F.J. Sharpe
Mr S R Green	Mr I. Sherwood
Mrs D.K.R. Irving	Mr W.H.C. Smith
Mr T. J. Jermy	Mrs P.A. Spencer
Mr A.P. Joel	Mr A.C. Stasiak
Mrs E. M. Jolly	Mrs L.S. Turner
Mr C.R. Jordan	Mr M. A. Wassell
Mr M.A. Kiddle-Morris	Mr N.C. Wilkin
Mr R.G. Kybird	

In Attendance

Mark Stokes	- Deputy Chief Executive
Julie Britton	- Senior Committee Officer
Teresa Smith	- Committee Officer

Announcement

The Chairman opened the meeting by mentioning that in the light of the recent sad events such as the Police shooting in Manchester, and the sad loss of Sergeant Lee Davidson, from the Light Dragoons, that Members observed a minutes silence.

The Chairman welcomed four new Members to the Council; Councillors Marion Chapman-Allen, Karen Pettitt, Brenda Canham and Mike Nairn.

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He also reminded Members to book their Personal Development Plan reviews as soon as possible. Leanne Neave would be available at the end of the meeting.

81/12 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82/12 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Carter, Mr Cowen, Mr Duffield, Mr Gilbert, Mr Skull, Mr Williams, Mr Lamb, Mr Byrne and Mrs Steward.

83/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 3)

The engagements of the Chairman and Vice Chairman were noted.

84/12 DECLARATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

Mr R and Mr W Richmond declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 10 (Planning Committee Minutes dated 6 August) minute No 78/12.

85/12 CABINET MINUTES

a) 31 July 2012

1) Annual Monitoring Report 2012 (Minute No 91/12)

The Leader of the Opposition Party raised concern over Breckland's affordable housing figures compared with South Norfolk Council that had exceeded its target. He also raised concern with regard to the income that Breckland had received in relation to income from 'Right to Buy' receipts. Breckland Council had chosen not to ring-fence this income and therefore did not have to re-invest it back into housing.

The Leader of the Council stated that South Norfolk had built more homes as it was committed to major developments on the outskirts of Norwich. Additionally, South Norfolk still maintained its Social Housing Stock, where Breckland did not.

The Leader of the Opposition Party asked if Breckland should be ring-fencing this money for Social Housing.

The Leader of the Council said there was no policy to ring-fence this money but the Council was doing all it could to support housing with Flagship.

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Mr Sherwood pointed out that the figures in the report represented 20% of the total houses built which he felt was a good number that Breckland should be pleased with.

Mr Kiddle-Morris was disappointed that the £3.5m had been mentioned as this was an historic figure and clarified that the Council no longer received any funding from 'Right to Buy'. Mrs Gould confirmed this point.

2) Adoption

RESOLVED that the confirmed Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 31 July 2012 be adopted.

b) 4 September 2012

1) Grant Panel Report Round 2 – 2012/13 (Minute 102/12)

The Leader of the Opposition Party was concerned about the Cabinet's refusal to a request from the Economic Development Team for £15,000 to support business start-ups.

The Leader of the Council said that he had asked the Portfolio Holder to ensure that the money spent on local businesses was being spent properly and that there was no duplication.

Mr Kiddle-Morris pointed out that he was currently in negotiation with Norfolk County Council and was ensuring that businesses were supported effectively. He highlighted the fact that Norfolk County Council had since agreed to double its match funding pot for such support.

2) Adoption

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 September 2012 be adopted.

86/12 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION (AGENDA ITEM 6)

The Minutes were not available and would be included on the next Council agenda in October 2012.

87/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 7)

a) 9 July 2012

RESOLVED that the confirmed Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 July 2012 be adopted.

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b) 6 August 2012

RESOLVED that the confirmed Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 August 2012 be adopted.

c) 3 September 2012

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3 September 2012 be adopted.

88/12 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 8)

(a) Parish Recharges – Elections (Minute No 45/12)

RESOLVED that:

1. the proposal to pass on the full cost of Parish Council elections for 'ordinary elections' to the Parishes concerned be supported; and
2. a system of recharge for uncontested elections be introduced.

(b) Street Trading (Minute No. 47/12)

As there had been a further General Purposes Committee meeting on 19 September 2012 where a number of the recommendations had been superceded following the completion of the public consultation, it was agreed that the revised recommendations would be presented to the next Council meeting on 25 October 2012.

(c) Adoption

The confirmed Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 25 July 2012 be adopted.

89/12 APPEALS COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 9)

A member raised a minor spelling error which would be dealt with at the next Appeals meeting when the Minutes were approved.

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Appeals Committee meeting held on 4 July 2012 be adopted.

90/12 LICENSING COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 10)

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 18 July 2012 be adopted.

91/12 AUDIT COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 11)

RESOLVED that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 29 June 2012 be adopted.

92/12 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 12)

RESOLVED that the contents of the Annual Report be noted.

93/12 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES - (FOR INFORMATION) (AGENDA ITEM 13)

The Youth Council Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2012 were noted.

The Chairman suggested that members of the Youth Council be invited to attend full Council to encourage active engagement with the young people.

94/12 NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS (AGENDA ITEM 14)

RESOLVED that:

- 1) Mr Clark and Mrs Chapman-Allen be appointed as substitute Members on the Planning Committee;
- 2) Mr Clark be appointed as substitute Member on the Overview and Scrutiny Commission;
- 3) Mrs B Canham to replace Mr T Jermy on the General Purposes Committee;
- 4) Mr T Jermy to replace Mrs S Armes as substitute Member on the General Purposes Committee;
- 5) Mr C Clark and Cllr M Chapman-Allen be appointed to the General Purposes Committee;
- 6) Mrs K Pettitt be appointed as a substitute Member on the Appeals Committee;
- 7) Mr Nairn be appointed to the Audit Committee;
- 8) Mrs B Canham to replace Mrs S Armes as substitute Member on the Audit Committee;
- 9) Mr Nairn be appointed as substitute Member on the Local Joint Consultative Committee;
- 10) Mrs B Canham be appointed as a substitute Member on the Licensing Committee; and
- 11) Mrs Pettitt to replace Mr N Wilkin on the Licensing Committee with effect from 25 September 2012.

Outside Body Vacancy

RESOLVED that Mr R Kybird to replace Lady K Fisher on the Norfolk Health Scrutiny Committee and the Norfolk LGA Health Sub-Group and Councillor M Chapman-Allen be appointed as his substitute.

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The meeting closed at 11.10 am

CHAIRMAN