

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 4 April 2011

In the Council Chamber, The Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr. S Edwards, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons (7.42pm), Cllr. Mrs S Jureko, Cllr. Mrs M Young, Cllr. K Butcher, Cllr. S Le Grys, Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. R Silvester (7.25pm).

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Sgt Chris Chisnell, Cllr. Mrs Lisa Chambers (District & County Councillor), Clair Harvey (Suffolk County Council), Tony Bass (Anglia Community Leisure), Cllr. B Bishop and five members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. E Ashley, Cllr. L Jacobs.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and additions to Members Register of Interests.
None.

3. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 7 March 2011(Public Items).

Resolution Record No. **BTC/135/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. K Butcher.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 7 MARCH 2011 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

4. MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 7 March 2011 (Public Items).

Concerns were again raised regarding the loss of the town bus and the inadequate route of the 193 bus service.

5. PUBLIC FORUM – monthly event limited to 3 minutes duration maximum per resident relating to public agenda items.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/136/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. S Le Grys.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.

A PRESENTATION FROM CLLR. MRS LISA CHAMBERS AND CLAIR HARVEY, SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

The presentation focused on the unique Total Brandon project; the nine million pounds allocated to services within the town; the proposed Town Link bus; parking issues on Market Hill; funding

earmarked for the Healthy Living Centre. Due to time constraints for questions, it was agreed to invite key representatives from the County Council to present on a range of issues including Budgets, New Strategic Direction and Transport.

A PRESENTATION BY TONY BASS, ANGLIA COMMUNITY LEISURE

Key points raised included the conversion of the Brandon Leisure Centre from a traditional sports complex to a Centre promoting healthy living activities; the closure of the indoor bowls facility and the opening of a new Health & Fitness Studio; the introduction of a concessionary scheme of three price tariffs; an expression of interest from ACL to run the Brandon Country Park in partnership with Brandon Town Council.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Crime figures commencing 7 March 2011 to 4 April 2011: There were thirty five recorded crimes within this time period. The same time last year saw seventy crimes recorded. This is a decrease of 50%. The next Brandon public Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting will be on Thursday 26 May 2011 at 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the town council offices. Leaflets and posters to be distributed.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS (if any) from County and /or District Councillors.

Points raised in Cllr. Bishop's report: a donation from his locality budget has secured one person to run the Flowerpot for a further six months; the possibility of setting up a Credit Union in Brandon; the withdrawal of the town bus and the new route taken by the 193 bus service.

The meeting was reconvened.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

A request by Forest Heath District Council to name the new cycle track between Spruce Drive and Wellington Close: Suggestions to be submitted to the office before Friday 8 April 2011.

9. ACCOUNTS

9.1 Approval of payments: Public Items – March 2011. Discussion permitted.

9.2 Approval of Confidential Items - March 2011 (Staff salaries).

Resolution Record No. **BTC/137/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. K Butcher.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AGENDA ITEMS NINE ONE, NINE TWO EN-BLOC.

| Date | Amount | Supplier | Net Total | VAT |
|-------------|---------------|--|------------------|------------|
| Mar-11 | 42.54 | Suffolk County Council | 35.45 | 7.09 |
| Mar-11 | 122.90 | Finevale Service Station | 102.41 | 20.49 |
| Mar-11 | 14,083.16 | Suffolk County Council | 11,735.97 | 2,347.19 |
| Mar-11 | 22.40 | Thetford Garden Centre | 18.67 | 3.73 |
| Mar-11 | 6.95 | Travis Perkins Trading Company Limited | 5.79 | 1.16 |
| Mar-11 | 276.00 | Cobra Platform Rentals | 230.00 | 46.00 |
| Mar-11 | 25.00 | Suffolk Acre | 25.00 | |
| Mar-11 | 11.00 | Clerks & Councils Direct | 11.00 | |
| Mar-11 | 151.75 | Ian Smith Office Supplies Limited | 126.46 | 25.29 |
| Mar-11 | 104.16 | Flagship Kings' Forest | 104.16 | |
| Mar-11 | 186.00 | Wicksteed Leisure Limited | 155.00 | 31.00 |
| Mar-11 | 14.00 | J & D Green | 14.00 | |
| Mar-11 | 24.00 | Suffolk Association of Local Councils | 20.00 | 4.00 |

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| Mar-11 | 11.38 | Fengate Fasteners Limited | 9.48 | 1.90 |
| Mar-11 | 112.25 | Stannah Lift Services Limited | 93.54 | 18.71 |
| Mar-11 | 28.08 | Walters Limited | 23.40 | 4.68 |
| TOTAL: | 15,221.57 | | 12,710.33 | 2,511.24 |

10. BRANDON AND MILDENHALL CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Cllr. T Simmons declared a prejudicial interest in this agenda item and abstained from voting.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/138/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. P Ridgwell and seconded by Cllr. Mrs S Jureko.

CARRIED: 5 for 4 against 2 abstentions.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES TO MAKE A DONATION OF ONE THOUSAND POUNDS TO THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS OF MOVING PREMISES.

11. BRANDON VOLUNTARY FORUM

Resolution Record No. **BTC/139/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. Mrs S Jureko.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL ELECTS COUNCILLOR GEOFF HUGHES TO BE THE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE BRANDON VOLUNTARY FORUM.

12. BRANDONSUFFOLK.COM WEBCAM

Resolution Record No. **BTC/140/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

ON CONDITION THE OFFICE BROADBAND IS NOT COMPROMISED, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES TO ALLOW BRANDONSUFFOLK.COM TO LOCATE A WEB CAM AT THE WINDOW OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

13. PLANNING APPLICATION 30B/2010/0001/OB

The Breckland District Planning Committee met on the 28 March 2011 and despite verbal representations from Cllr. Hughes, Cllr. Bishop and Mr Lukaniuk, the original decision to remove the S106 agreement to allow David Watson Transport to use the A1065, through Brandon, for 12-15 HGV movements each day, was maintained.

14. ALLOTMENTS

To discourage encroachment onto the pathways, all forty three plots have been re-staked to their original boundaries. At present there are five vacant plots. These will be advertised shortly.

15. SPRING CLEAN LITTER PICK 2011

Discussion deferred until the May town council meeting.

16. DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Resolution Record No. **BTC/141/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. P MacLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES TO ALTER THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FROM THE NINTH OF MAY 2011 TO THE SIXTEENTH MAY 2011.

17. CLERK'S MONTHLY LOG OF INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED AND ACTIONS TAKEN

Town Bus Service: The operator of the 193 bus service has decided to operate this service on a commercial basis and as a result Suffolk County Council can only contribute to one journey a day. The consequence of this action is that a local authority is not permitted to financially support any service that competes or potentially abstracts revenue from a commercial service. As such there was no choice but to withdraw the existing town service. Phil Magill, Transport Manager, to be invited to a future town council meeting to discuss this further.

18. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/142/04/Apr/11**

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs S Jureko and seconded by Cllr. R Silvester.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting temporarily due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning QUOTES: LAND: STAFF: CONTRACTS

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19. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 7 March 2011.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/143/04/Apr/11**

CARRIED:

THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 7 MARCH 2011 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

20. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

21. CEMETERY MATTERS

* Confidential *

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.