MINUTES of the **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Wednesday 20 April 2016** at **6.45pm**

PRESENT:
Cllr D Savage (Town Mayor)
Cllr Jan Garfield (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr N Barber
Cllr S Bird
Cllr P Coleman
Cllr M Deacon
Cllr Jon Garfield
Cllr S Gallant
Cllr T Green
Cllr G Newman
Cllr A Smith
Cllr J Vartan
Cllr S Wiles
Cllr K Williams

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)
Mrs R Jones (Estates Officer)

567. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from **C Barham** and **Cllr S Bloomfield.**

568. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bird Cllr P Coleman Cllr M Deacon Cllr S Gallant Cllr T Green Cllr D Savage Cllr A Smith	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council)
Cllr N Barber Cllr G Newman	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk County Council)

569. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

570. TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Council considered the report on Town Hall Repairs and the recommendation of the 6 April 2016 Assets & Services Committee that Council approve the funding required in order to undertake urgent work at required as soon as practically possible (*Minute #543 of 2015/16 refers*).

Additional information tabled at the meeting provided further options and a schedule of estimates. Members requested that, where possible, the materials to be used should be considered in terms of their ability to blend in with the existing structure. However, it was understood that the required works were of a practical nature and as such, could not be guaranteed to provide an aesthetic result.

It was RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Chairman of Assets and Services Committee and the Town Clerk to take the actions necessary to enable these urgent works to be carried out; and, funding for the project, to a limit of £18,000 (net) from Council's 'Town Hall Capital Refurb' and 'Town Hall Maintenance' earmarked reserves, be approved

571. FLAGPOLE

Council considered the recommendation of the 6 April 2016 Assets & Services Committee for the installation of a flag pole in the Town Hall Gardens immediately adjacent to the Town Hall *(Minute #538 of 2015/16 refers*). It was noted that this would allow Council to fly the Union Flag, and other flags as appropriate, on approved occasions; or otherwise be able to fly a Town Council flag with the Felixstowe crest.

RESOLVED that, subject to a limit of £2,000, the purchase and installation of a suitable flagpole, plus flags, be authorised from Council's 'Enhancement & Promotional' Earmarked Reserve.

572. ICE RINK: CHRISTMAS 2016

Council considered the principle of providing an ice rink in the run up to Christmas and funding for the rink via the 'Community Fund' Earmarked Reserve.

It was noted that the total cost of the rink would be £5,890 plus VAT. Sponsorship and donations would be sought to mitigate the full cost of the event to Council. Members proposed that Council should seek to consider how the event could become sustainable for the longer term.

It was RESOLVED that an ice rink be provided on a similar basis to the previous year, with funding for the rink to be authorised and underwritten from the 'Community Fund' Earmarked Reserve; and, authority be delegated to the Civic & Community Committee to oversee further arrangements for the event.

573. STAFFING BUDGET 2016/17

Council considered adjustments to the staffing budget for 2016/17 as recommended by the Personnel Committee (*Minute #559 of 2015/16 refers).*

Noting that the recommended adjustments would result in no net change to overall staffing budget, it was RESOLVED that the Staffing Budget for 2016/17 be reapportioned as per the report.

574. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 7.29pm. It was noted that the next meeting would be the Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm, following the Annual Town Meeting which was to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 11 May 2016.

Date: _____ Town Mayor: _____