

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 18 May 2015

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

Present: Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. K Butcher, Cllr. P Macloughlin, Cllr. D Palmer, Cllr. E Jacobs.

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Mrs B Harding (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Sgt. Tully, Squadron Leader J Neilds and ten members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Nominations were called for the post of Chairman of Brandon Town Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons that Cllr. D Bimson be elected.

A second nomination was received and seconded but declined.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/01/18/May/15**

CARRIED: 7 for 1 against 2 abstentions.

THAT COUNCILLOR DAVID BIMSON BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF
BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2015/16.

Cllr. D Bimson thanked members for their support. The Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman called for nominations for the post of Vice-Chairman of Brandon Town Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson that Cllr. K Butcher be elected.

It was proposed by Cllr. P Ridgwell and seconded by Cllr. P MacCloughlin that Cllr. R Silvester be elected.

By written ballot the votes were recorded.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/02/18/May/15**

CARRIED: By majority vote.

THAT COUNCILLOR REGINALD SILVESTER BE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN
OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2015/16

Agenda item 10 was now heard.

10. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE/RAF LAKENHEATH

Squadron Leader Neilds reported there has been a slight decrease in flying; MOD are currently involved in scoping exercises to resolve issues relating to the F35's coming to RAF Lakenheath.

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Questions raised included a query in the report issued by the newly formed Mildenhall and Lakenheath Airbases Group; low flying aircraft coming across the town.

Police report: Crime figures for Brandon April 2015 were circulated at the meeting. In the month of April 2015 there have been 34 recorded crimes in Brandon. This compares with 63 crimes the previous month and 34 crimes for the same month in 2014. Questions to Sgt. Tully included the vandalism to the skate park at the BRPF; an assault in George Street car park and whether the CCTV was operational; cyclists going through red lights; the one way system on Thetford Road; a van, static parked on the Highway; whether shops on the High Street selling alcohol have an appropriate licence?

Cllr. G Hughes reported there is to be a change to the Safer Neighbourhood Team priority setting process. A more responsive and flexible system will be put in place. Both the Crime Prevention Panel and Town/Parish Councils will receive updates on the priorities and how they are tackled.

3. APOLOGIES

All present.

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

5. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS 2015/16

Brandon Heritage Centre	Cllr T Simmons, Cllr R Silvester
Brandon Neighbourhood Watch	Cllr P Ridgwell
Brandon Remembrance Playing Field	Cllr P MacLoughlin, Cllr Dave Palmer
Community Association Representative	Cllr G Hughes
Public Transport Liaison Officer	Cllr P Ridgwell
FHDC Health Forum	Cllr D Bimson
Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Cllr G Hughes, Cllr T Simmons
Brandon Poor's Estate	Cllr D Bimson,
Atmere & Lingheath Trust Charities	Cllr N Vant, Cllr R Silvester
Brandon Country Park	Cllr G Hughes
Brandon Voluntary Forum	Cllr G Hughes
Brandon Allotments	Cllr T Simmons
Safer Neighbourhood Team	Cllr G Hughes
Little Ouse Group	Cllr G Hughes

6. REPRESENTATIVES FOR BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2015/16

East Ward Lighting Working Party	Cllr P MacLoughlin, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr R Silvester
West Ward Lighting Working Party	Cllr D Bimson, Cllr E Jacobs
Brandon Town Council Cemetery Committee	The Full Council
Planning Panel	Cllr G Hughes, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr R Silvester Cllr T Simmons
Emergency Panel	Cllr T Simmons, Cllr D Bimson, Cllr K Butcher
Events Working Group	Cllr T Simmons
Cemetery Working Group	Cllr R Silvester, Cllr G Hughes, Cllr N Vant. Cllr T Simmons

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Resolution Record No. **BTC/03/18/May/15**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AGENDA ITEMS 5 & 6
EN-BLOC.

7. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 13 April 2015.

Owing to a typographical error the minutes were deferred for approval until the next meeting.

8. MATTERS ARISING

Deferred.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Matters raised included the lack of toilets at the Aldi end of the High Street; lorries continuing to use the High Street; the performance of education in Suffolk (SCC); a request for a letter to be sent regarding the Lynx being released in Thetford Forest (due to lack of support by the public this issue is no longer relevant).

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

Cllr. R Silvester said rumours the zebra crossing on Thetford Road is to be removed were incorrect; the Free School in Brandon is still in special measures. **Cllr. T Simmons** reported the Local Plan Working Group consultation will be coming up soon.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no matters of urgent business.

13. ACCOUNTS

13.1 To retrospectively approve April 2015 accounts.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/04/18/May/15**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. K Butcher.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVES THE
APRIL 2015 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Chq No	Net	Vat
Apr-15	30.00	SPS	104800	30.00	
Apr-15	82.80	SLCC	104801	69.00	13.80
Apr-15	1043.00	SALC	104802	1043.00	
Apr-15	90.00	ICCM	104803	90.00	
Apr-15	55.75	Tindalls	104804	46.47	9.28
Apr-15	48.00	Graham Smith	104805	40.00	8.00
Apr-15	12640.27	SCC	104806	10695.62	1944.65
Apr-15	69.55	Finevale Services	104807	57.96	11.59
Apr-15	32.26	Lyreco	104808	26.88	5.38
Apr-15	84.00	Digital Systems	104809	70.00	14.00
Apr-15	36.72	Thetford Garden Ctre	104811	30.60	6.12

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Apr-15	90.00	Brandon Magazine	104812	90.00	
Apr-15	96.04	Neopost	104813	80.03	16.01
Apr-15	29.76	Fengate Fasteners	104814	24.80	4.96
Apr-15	65.99	Brandon PAT Testing	104815	54.99	11.00
Apr-15	105.30	Travis Perkins	104816	87.75	17.55
Apr-15	18.86	Chase Timber	104817	15.72	3.14
Apr-15	35.10	SLCC	104801	35.10	
Apr-15	100.00	LCPAS	104818	100.00	
Apr-15	14.00	J & D Green	104819	14.00	
Apr-15	113.24	Arco	104820	94.37	18.87
Apr-15	100.00	BRPF	104821	100.00	
Apr-15	123.00	Hydrosteps	104822	102.50	20.50

13.2 Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. K Butcher declared an interest in this item. The Declaration of Interests Book was duly signed.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/05/18/May/15**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT A \$137 DONATION OF TWO HUNDRED POUNDS BE GIVEN TO THE BRANDON HERITAGE CENTRE.

14. FLINT MURALS

Additional information required before a decision can be made.

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/06/18/May/15**

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

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: CONTRACT.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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