



MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held at the Masonic Lodge in South Street, Manningtree, CO11 1BG Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7:30 p.m

Present: Cllr. M. Taylor (Mayor) Cllr. R Stocks (Deputy Mayor) Cllr. L. Dunnett
Cllr. J. Charlesworth Cllr. J Lewis Cllr L. Lay-Flurrie

In attendance: Mrs. R Frost (Clerk) Cllr T Barrett

12.23.192 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Helm-Baxter sent her apologies and these were accepted by the Council

12.23.193 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None Received

12.23.194 Minutes of the 16th November 2023 were approved and signed.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 16th November 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr. M. Taylor

12.23.195 Public Announcements

None

12.23.196 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and matters of mutual interest

No Public present

12.23.197 Reports from the District and County Councils – circulated prior to the meeting.

A new Tendring District Newsletter is to be launched in the new year.

12.23.198 Report from Essex Police

weekly newsletter - Essex Police Dispatch – circulated weekly.

Cllr Stocks and Cllr Dunnett met with the Local Commander and they have taken onboard our concerns re anti-social behaviour.

If any resident has any issues, can they contact the police on 101 to alert them of the issue so that it can be documented. The more complaints made, the more likely they are to mount regular patrols. The Police DO want to know.

12.23.199 Report from Street Keepers

The Mayor has asked that thanks are once again extended to all the Street Keepers for all their hard work during 2023.

The pathway near our wildlife garden is still ongoing. **Action - Cllr Dunnett / Cllr Barrett (District)**

12.23.200 Report from Business Chamber

None received as Meeting was not held.

Next Meeting 6th January 2024

12.23.201 Report from Dementia Awareness

Michelle and Ruth attended the final singing for pleasure of the year, there was an excellent turn out Michelle attended a zoom meeting in relation to the future of the Tendring Dementia Awareness groups.

The council have some paperwork to complete at the next meeting in relation to our continuing pledge.

The Mayor's Cheese and Wine evening is to be moved 24th May 2024

12.23.202 Report from other committees and representatives

No other reports

12.23.203 Progress report from the Clerk

Ref:	Item	To Do
	ONGOING	
	Cllr Guglielmi	Blue Setts ref - 2771008/ Quay St sign, motorbike parking, 20's Plenty, Colchester Rd Sign
	Mayoral Chain	Awaiting Quotes -
	Dementia Awareness	To plan next year - review January
09.23.125	Bin at Beach	On Hold - review January
07.23.88	Wildlife garden	Waiting for Cllr Barrett for direct person to liase with (Cllr Dunnett)
	Sun Screen Dispenser	Looking into a cage to protect it. (Stour Engineering) - March time
	NEW	
6.12.23	Unity Bank	Details at meeting
5.12.23	Pension Scheme	Details on Agenda
	Beach School	17th April, 24th April, 1st May & 8th May
	North/south St	met resident on site and located wobbly kerbside. Reported to highways online.2878547.
	LCTS Grant	Speak to Terry Barrett regarding this.
	Grant	£1000 - Letter of intent need to spend before end June 2024

12.23.204 To discuss the possibility of new electric vehicle charging stations around

Manningtree. It was agreed that the council would like to see some EV points in the town and it was ascertained that there is funding available from TDC for such projects in the district. We await a further update from TDC before deciding where we would like them siting and how many we can ask for.

12.23.205 To consider request from Mistley & Manningtree Welcome Home Memorial Trust.
It was decided to donate £100.00 Proposed Cllr Stocks – all agreed

12.23.206 To report final Precept from finance committee.

Resolved – It was all agreed that the Precept for 2024/2025 will be £32,452.00.

This is an increase because of rising costs throughout the year and will be likely to increase the following year as well

12.23.207 To consider the following planning applications:

23/01615/FULHH Ms Lesley El-banawy	Proposed garden room outbuilding to rear	29 Colchester Road Manningtree Essex CO11 1EJ
23/01644/LBDISC Messrs C Moxham & R Brookhouse	Discharge of Conditions 3 (submission of drawings) and 4 (Fireplace) of planning reference 20/00726/LBC.	40 High Street Manningtree Essex CO11 1AJ
23/01635/TCA Ian Kazer-Roberts - Mark Walker Grounds Maintenance Ltd	1 No. Neighbouring Fig (F1) to be cut back as close to the boundary as possible.	Fire Station Quay Street Manningtree Essex CO11 1AU
23/01514/FUL Mr Matthew Bensilum	Proposed change of use from residential to office with no alteration.	5 Brook Street Manningtree Essex CO11 1DJ

Resolved - All applications were considered and all agreed on no comments or objections

12.23.208 To consider the following planning decisions:

APPROVED

23/01551/LBC Mr Colin Moxham	Proposed conversion of shop to dwelling of two bedroom flat with alterations to the listed building.	5 Stour Street Manningtree Essex CO11 1DH
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Resolved – The Council noted that the LPA has approved this.

12.23.209 Finance

a) To review the monthly financial Bank Reconciliation - as of 30th December 2023 there was a total of £25,171.33 in both bank accounts.

Resolved – The Council has seen this reconciliation and this has been confirmed and signed by the chair.

b) To approve new payments for November 2023, in accordance with the 2023/24 budget – please see attached payment list.
Resolved – Cllr Taylor proposed and Cllr Stocks seconded the payments – all in favour.

12.23.210 To discuss this months “what has your council been doing this month?
A very big thank you go to the Street Keepers for their continuous support in keeping Manningtree a lovely place to live

12.23.211 To discuss where the resolutions for the current meeting have an impact on biodiversity
The possibility of new electric vehicle charging stations in Manningtree
Grant received for new water dispensing unit at the beach

12.23.212 Items for the next meeting to be added to the meeting.
To investigate new banking
Dementia Awareness
Possibility of joining 3 councils (Mistley, Manningtree and Lawford)

12.12.213 There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 20:39

Next Town Council Meeting 18th January 2024. 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall.

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Date.....

Manningtree Town Council would like to Wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.