

WELCOME TO THE APRIL THETFORD FULL COUNCIL MEETING



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF

THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL WHICH WILL BE HELD ONLINE, THETFORD ON TUESDAY 27th April 2021, STARTING AT 7 P.M.

AS THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS CAN JOIN THE MEETING – <https://bit.ly/ttceventsyoutube>

Tina Cunnell BSc (Hons)
Town Clerk

21st April 2021

AGENDA

980/20	<u>DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u> To receive any additional interest not already registered.
981/20	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive.
982/20	<u>MINUTES</u> To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 30 th March 2021, excepting those items dealt with following the exclusion of press and public, to be addressed under agenda number 988/20, to be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialed by the Committee Chairman. Decision Required: To agree the accuracy of the minutes. Lead: Minute secretary.

983/20	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> To receive the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Committee 06/04/2021 • ALP Committee 07/04/2021 • Civic Committee 08/04/2021 • Planning Committee 13/04/2021 • VEM Committee 14/04/2021 • Cemetery Committee 15/04/2021 • Allotment Committee 15/04/2021 <p>Decision required: To agree the accuracy of the above minutes excepting those items dealt with following the exclusion of press and public, to be addressed under agenda number 988/20. Lead: Chair of Committee.</p>
984/20	<p><u>MAYOR'S REMARKS AND REPORT</u> To receive and note a report from the Mayor. Decision required: None. Lead: The Mayor.</p>
985/20	<p><u>TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES</u> To receive and note any reports. Decision required: None. Lead: The Mayor.</p>
986/20	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u> To receive and note any reports. Decision required: None. Lead: The Mayor</p>
987/20	<p><u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u> To discuss and agree any consultation or media release required. Decision Required: Whether or not to approve communication. Lead: Chair.</p>
988/20	<p><u>COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE</u> To receive any update from the Committee Officer since the issue of the agenda. Decision required: None. Lead: Town Clerk.</p>
989/20	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u> To consider resolving that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for any remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</p>
990/20	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> To receive Committee minutes recorded below the line. Decision Required: To agree the accuracy of the minutes. Lead: Minute secretary.</p>
991/20	<p><u>SALE OF LAND</u> To consider the sale of Council land by way of agreement and to review the valuation received.</p>

Decisions Required: To confirm that the land is surplus to need. To further obtain assurance that the land is being sold for best consideration. To approve in principle the sale of this land by private agreement.

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL
HELD ONLINE TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021, STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

The Mayor – Councillor M S Robinson

Councillors:

C Barreto, M Brindle, C R P Burnett, B J Canham,
D M Crawford, C Harvey, D J Hodgkinson, J Hollis,
J James, T J Jermy, M Taylor, S N H Wright.

Officers in attendance:

Tina Cunnell Town Clerk, Chris Crimmen Committee Secretary

MINUTES

886/20	<u>DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u> To receive any additional interest not already registered.
887/20	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive.
888/20	<u>MINUTES</u> RESOLVED: The Full Council Meeting held on 30th March 2021, excepting those items dealt with following the exclusion of press and public, to be addressed under agenda number 897/20, be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.
889/20	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> To receive the following: A) <u>Personnel Committee (minutes 829/20 - 834/20) 02/03/2021</u> RESOLVED: The Personnel Committee minutes were adopted as presented. B) <u>ALP Committee (minutes 837/20 - 849/20) 03/03/2021</u> RESOLVED: The ALP Committee minutes were adopted as presented. C) <u>Planning Committee (minutes 850/20 - 859/20) 9/03/2021</u> RESOLVED: The Planning Committee minutes were adopted as presented.

	<p><u>D) VEM Committee (minutes 860 – 869/20) 10/03/2021</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That the Venues & Communications committee assume responsibility for all internal and external maintenance of Town Council venues including the upper and lower Market Place from 1st April 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The VEM Committee recommendation and minutes were adopted as presented.</p> <p><u>E) Finance Committee (873/20 - 885/20) 23/0320/21</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance Committee approve the making of the payments A-E (see Appendix A).</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That Thetford Town Council adopt the income and expenditure reports (see Appendix B) for the eleven months ended 31st January 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Finance Committee recommendations and minutes were adopted as presented.</p>
890/20	<p><u>MAYOR'S REMARKS AND REPORT</u></p> <p>The Mayor reported his activities continue to be affected by the pandemic and he will be the first Mayor of Thetford who has not been able to attend a single live meeting.</p> <p>He Reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 8th Commonwealth Day. • March 18th International Womens Day. • March 23rd One year on from the start of the pandemic was marked by one minute silence. • We all remember the work carried out by the NHS and all front-line services in the past year.
891/20	<p><u>TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES</u></p> <p>Councillor J James reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greater Thetford Partnership Manager's monthly updates are sent to all town councillors. Their new website is up and running. The GTP Manager highlighting his role in engaging with strategic partners and sharing the priorities. He is assisting with coordinating the river corridor projects. The lights along Spring Walk reduce the amount of antisocial behavior in that area and open our beautiful riverside walks have now been switched on. Litter continues to be a major issue in all its forms as do the dirty road signs. Councillor James would urge fellow councillors that the next time we hear the Norfolk County Council Rangers are having an action day in the town, we all work together to get them to clean these up.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAG – Councillor James attended the meeting held 10th March 2021 and the outcome of this was the 2 main priorities remain and a 3rd one will be reinstated and mobile. These are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth Related ASB and ASB Caused by Street Drinking and Drug Related Activities in the PSPO Area. 2. ASB Relating to Motor Vehicles. Inc Quad Bikes & Mini-Moto Type Vehicles 3. Cumulative Impact Policy. <p>Concerns were expressed by members of STAG to the police regarding ongoing issues surrounding e-scooters. The next Open meeting is scheduled for the 8th April 2021 via Teams and the next closed meeting will be held 14th April 2021.</p> <p>Councillor M Brindle reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Charles Burrell Center will open for business on the 12th April 2021. • The new CEO is proving to be a huge success. • Sam Chapman-Allen Leader of Breckland Council has been appointed to the board of trustees. <p>Councillor S Wright reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the pandemic there has not been a meeting of the Thetford Tourism & Heritage Partnership but he will try to take this forward when lockdown is lifted. • Dads Army Museum is opening on 29th May 2021 and on the 9th July 2021 there is to be a Charity Day at Euston Hall supporting various charities.
982/20	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p>Councillor T Jermy reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new cycle pathway on the Croxton Road is progressing well and although it will not go along the entire section of the route the completed work so far looks very good, • Further down the Croxton Road Green King are investing in the Terrier Pub but the car park area looks untidy with 4 broken globe lights not working. The land is owned by BDC so the district councillors present will work to get this area tidied up. • He reported that Flagship Housing have been working hard following reports from Burrell Ward councillors reporting properties with significant rubbish stored in front gardens and arranging for their disposal. • The Suffolk County Council Planning Committee has received many objections from residents and councillors to the Quarry proposal for Elveden Road and associated transport implications for Thetford. • The GTP website have a blog post for the Greater Thetford Partnership about Thetford's river corridor; http://www.gtp.org.uk/article/16965/GTP-Blog-2-Embracing-Thetford-s-River-Corridor <p>Councillor J James reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the recent full Breckland council meeting held 25th February 2021 she had been appointed to the Thetford Youth Action Group. This is part of the Youth Advisory Board and there has been a YAG set up in each of the Breckland market towns.

- Councillor James was also appointed as Breckland' s representative on the Charles Burrell Museum Trust and attended the first meeting with the rest of the trustees on 10th March. Like so many other volunteer driven organisations, the pandemic has presented some very challenging circumstances.
- Works are still underway cleaning Riverside Walk, specifically the lower tier which flooded between Christmas and New Year. More work is to take place cleaning the paths on Butten Island in readiness for the further lifting of restrictions.

Councillor S Dowling reported on:

- Many people who are still very isolated due to COVID 19, although there are many services available for practical issues such as shopping and prescription collection there remains many who would just like to chat for a while.
- To encourage councillors and residents to support the Athena Project which has started a crowd funding project to raise much needed funds. The objective of the project is to deliver an innovative and intensive programme to 5–7-year-old children. It is designed to provide them with real life experiences of money management and to enable them to become familiar with how money is used in daily transactions.
- The fly-tipping on the land between Wheatacres and Vicarage Road is private land that was adopted by the previous residents many years ago. This has become a dumping ground for rubbish and although the land is not actually Brecklands responsibility letters will be sent to all residents explaining the situation with suggestions on how to proceed.
- The Open Gardens Committee were delighted to receive letters from the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. The fundraising for St Nicholas Hospice has continued even though the gardens themselves were not open this year due to the pandemic.

Councillor S Terry reported on:

- A Webinar on the St Giles Trust. This was supported by the Crime Commissioner and the Police working with schools to expose the myths associated with getting involved with crime. BDC are keen to work with the trust.
- The Norfolk Residents Association are holding a litter pick on the 10th April to tidy up the area from the railway line to Joe Blunts Lane
- In a meeting with BDC it was announced that the 3G football pitch has been put on hold so the Thetford Hockey Club can continue playing.

Councillor M Robinson reported on:

- BDC are focusing on removing abandoned vehicles. One car had been on the Sports Center car park for months, the owner was traced and fined £200.
- Support has been started for Young Carers in the district called My Futures Social which is a series of on-line events aimed at 16–24-year-old carers. It is estimated there are over 1,000 young carers in this district.
- A Spring Back Package of £2 million pound from District and Central Government has been launched to support 500 Breckland businesses

	<p>who have been impacted following the pandemic. All details on grants are on the BDC website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDC Covid Officers are on hand to help and give advice in Thetford six days a week. • BDC can now be contacted by video call. <p>At this point Councillor M Taylor left the meeting.</p>
983/20	<p><u>TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON OTHER BODIES</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that the councillors who wish to serve on other bodies for the Mayoral Year need to be decided prior to Mayor Making. There followed a discussion and Councillor J Hollis reported that as there was now only one representative for the Thetford Municipal and United Charities she would stand down from selection. The Town Clerk reported with this exception all other councillors remain the same to serve as a representative in the Mayoral Year 21/22 (see Appendix A).</p>
894/20	<p><u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u></p> <p>None.</p>
895/20	<p><u>COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk reported she has received instructions that from the 6th May 2021 virtual meetings will no longer be allowed. There is a High Court appeal for virtual meetings to remain and will await the outcome this case.</p>
896/20	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>To consider resolving that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for any remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</p>
897/20	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p> <p>Councillors received and adopted Committee minutes recorded below the line.</p>

Chairman.

APPENDIX A

THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BODIES

SELECTED FOR THE MAYORAL YEAR 21/22

Burrell Museum Board of Trustees

Councillor B Canham

Diss, Thetford and District Citizens Advice Bureau

Mayor of the Day

Alternate: Deputy Mayor

Charles Burrell Centre Ltd Directors

Councillor M Brindle

Councillor D Crawford

Energy Power Resources Thetford

Councillor S N H Wright

Councillor R Brame

Greater Thetford Partnership

Councillor J James

Councillor M Robinson

Alternate: Councillor B Canham

Alternate: Councillor S N H Wright

Safer Thetford Action Group

Councillor D Crawford

Councillor J James

Thetford Municipal and United Charities (4-year term)

Councillor B Canham

Thetford Music Project

Councillor J James

Alternate: Councillor C Barreto

Thetford Society

The Mayor of the Day

Thetford Tourism and Heritage Partnership

Councillor S N H Wright

