

# Saxmundham Town Council

All Members of Saxmundham Town Council are summoned to attend a meeting on

# Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00 pm using ZOOM (If a member of the public wishes to attend, please contact the Clerk)

# AGENDA

**Open Forum:** Members of the public are invited to give their views on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman.

#### 1) Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

#### 2) Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests and consideration of any requests for dispensation. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting.

#### 3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

To accept the minutes from the previous meetings of the AGM and Ordinary meetings 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

- 4) County Councillor Report to receive a report from County Councillor R. Smith MVO.
- 5) District Councillor Report to receive a report from District Councillor John Fisher.
- 6) Chair's Report to receive a report from Councillor Jeremy Smith.
- 7) Clerk's Report to receive a report from Karen Forster.

#### 8) Financial Matters

- a) To receive an update on the mandate changes for the Bank.
- b) To agree the recommendation from the Resources Committee regarding a new bank account.
- c) To note the YTD Budget report and the Bank information.
- d) To discuss the application for CIL funding for the Arts Station and SADCIC

#### 9) Policies

To receive the recommendation from the Resources Committee regarding adoption of the Model Publications policy and the Reserves policy.

#### 10) New Windows/Door for the OPS building

To receive a report regarding the replacement windows, door, and signage for the OPS building

#### 11) Community Partnership

To receive an update on the application for funding for town signage from the ESDC Community Partnership.

#### 12) COVID 19

- a) To receive an update on the actions of STC during COVID 19 regarding:
  - i) Market Hall
  - ii) Playgrounds
  - iii) Re-opening the High Street
- b) To receive an update from Cllr. Di Eastman regarding IP17 GNS

#### 13) Local and Neighbourhood Plans

To receive an update on the Local and Neighbourhood plan

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#### 14) Creation of the Saxmundham Community Partnership Group

To discuss the proposal by Cllr. D. Eastman to set up a local Volunteer and Community group (previously circulated)

- 15) NALC consultation on the Code of Conduct
- 16) Update on the flooding of the irrigated Drive north of Waitrose
- 17) Proposal by Cllr. Nigel Hiley regarding Saxmundham Town Council's position on the development of the Sizewell C Nuclear Power.

#### 18) Offer of a Tree from the W.I

To discuss the offer and siting of a tree from the W.I.

- 19) Committee Meetings: To receive the draft/signed minutes of the
  - Resource Committee meeting 29/6/20
  - Planning & Development Control Committee meetings 8/6/20 & 22/6/20 & 6/7/20
  - Amenities & Services Committee meeting 15/6/20
  - Market Hall Management Committee meeting 29/6/20

## K. Forster Clerk to Saxmundham Town Council

Date: 6/7/2020

## Item 17 Proposal from Cllr. Nigel Hiley reads:

## Saxmundham Town Council's position on the development of the Sizewell C Nuclear Power

Saxmundham Town Council notes that EDF submitted application for the Sizewell C nuclear power plant for planning content on May 26th, and that the UK Planning Inspectorate on 24th June accepted for examination the planning application for the Sizewell C nuclear power plant. Council is concerned that pursuing the application at a time when community engagement and consultation are difficult, and notes that:

1) The Town Council has taken part in all stages of the EDF consultation; at each stage we have raised significant issues about unacceptable the environmental and social costs to the town and area, but that very little about the development proposals has changed, and there have been significant gaps of information in the documentation provided.

2) Other Councils and local stakeholders have raised similar concerns in respect of the environmental and social costs and risks, the huge disruption and burden on local services, the importance of preserving our unique heritage coast, the detrimental impact on wildlife and ecology particularly in the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB, and the potential damage to our existing local economy including tourism.

3) That the national debate on energy has also moved on significantly since the project was first announced in 2009/10 with greater focus on the potential of renewable energy sources; this is also relevant given the long lifecycle of the project (projected completion and first generation dates of Sizewell C now being in the early to mid 2030s).

Saxmundham Town Council is therefore opposed to the development of the Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station.