



# Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Town Council

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## Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea

Present: Cllrs Bill Hancock (Chair), Peter Clayton, Andy Brewer, Michael Clarke, Martin Cox, Mike Facey, Fiona Hector, David Hoggarth, Janet Keen, Katie Lawson, Louise Parkin, Nick Tolley, Victoria Weavell, Tatiana Cant (Town Clerk), 3 members of the press and 12 members of the public.

The Chairman passed the Chair to Cllr Clayton to conduct the meeting's business.

### 75/18/TC **Apologies**

Apologies were received (and approved) from:

- John Parkes (family)
- Maria Clarke (work)
- District Cllr Lorna Corke (family)
- Phil Harvey
- Debbie Matthews
- Lindsey Ripley (prior engagement)

### 76/18/TC **Declarations of Interest**

Members NOTED the following Declarations of Interest:

- Cllr Brewer on applications to the CIM fund (and did not take part in the vote).

### **Accounts**

77/18/TC Members agreed the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018

78/18/TC Members approved the Annual Governance Statement (s. 1 of the Annual Return 2017/18)

79/18/TC Members approved the Annual Accounting Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (s. 2 of the Annual Return 2017/18)

80/18/TC Members discussed the Business Plan for the Burnham Evolution Project and considered responses to the consultation.

It was noted that any wildfowl artwork on the seawall would not be graffiti style.

Signed by Chairman.....Date.....

Members were assured that approval of the Business Plan did not include any agreement relating to specific design details on any of the projects. It was agreed that future work on the project would need to be subject to clarification relating to insurance arrangements, Sedgemoor District Council assurance that public toilets would be maintained and adequate maintenance arrangements for all aspects of the projects.

A member of the Project Team commented on the importance of the Project to make Burnham-on-Sea a better place to work, live and visit and to combat the issue of shoppers leaving the high street to make online purchases. Many other communities had taken similar steps to enhance their towns and this was an excellent opportunity for Burnham to achieve similar results at very little financial cost to the town council. It was noted that there would nevertheless be a significant council commitment of officer time to progress the Project.

Members congratulated the authors on the creation of the professional Business Plan document. The Chairman expressed his thanks to all members of the Project Team on the significant amount of work undertaken.

Costings of projects and proposed funding to be applied for were agreed: £1,663,620 in total, of which £350,000 to be sought from the Hinkley Community Impact Mitigation Fund and £1,070,000 from the Coastal Communities Fund.

81/18/TC The Burnham Evolution Business Plan was unanimously approved by members and it was agreed that this form the basis of the application for funding to be submitted to the Coastal Communities Fund, the Hinkley Community Impact Mitigation Fund and other relevant funds identified by the Burnham Evolution Project Team.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 18.42hrs.