

BRIGHTLINGSEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held at
The Parish Hall, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea,
on: Thursday 7th March 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors

R Morgan (Mayor)

J Carr (Deputy Mayor)

D Atkinson, M Barry, J Chapman, M Court,
J Howard, M Judson, C Paveley and G Steady

In attendance:

Tracey Pulford –Town Clerk

Julie Crittenden – Administrative Assistant

5 Members of the public

168. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received.

169. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

The Mayor reminded Members to declare interests when necessary.

170. REPLACEMENT ESSEX MINERALS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2025 TO 2040:

The Mayor briefed members on the Replacement Essex Minerals Local Plan Review, 2025 - 2040, and that as many individuals as possible should respond to the consultation. He said that the Public meeting held on Monday 4th March was very well attended, and we heard some good arguments from all over the District.

After much discussion it was **agreed** that the Town Clerk would draft a response, to be circulated to all members for consideration. The response would then be sent off before the deadline of 19th March 2024.

(Post meeting note: The deadline for the consultation has now been extended to 5pm on Tuesday 9th April 2024.)

171. CO-OPTIONS:

Eight candidates had put their names forward for co-option to the Town Council. Each candidate, who was invited to attend the meeting at different times, gave a short presentation explaining about themselves, and what they could offer to the Council and the community. Each candidate was asked a question by five members of the Council, to which replies were given.

Once each candidate had been interviewed, they left the meeting.

Before the voting took place, all members of the public chose to leave the meeting.

A secret ballot was then held, as follows:-

Candidate 1 - Round 1

Kerry Pentney – 1 vote

Caroline MacGregor – 0 votes

Benjamin Harvey – 1 vote

Craig Whipps – 1 votes

Katrine Mitchell – 6 votes
 Alison Gabbedy – 0 votes
 Gary Tedman – 0 votes
 Annamayl Santhakumar – 1 vote

Majority vote – Katrine Mitchell

Candidate 2 - Round 1

Kerry Pentney – 4 votes
 Caroline MacGregor – 1 vote
 Benjamin Harvey – 2 votes
 Craig Whipps – 2 votes
 Alison Gabbedy – 0 votes
 Gary Tedman – 0 votes
 Annamayl Santhakumar – 1 vote

Candidate 2 - Round 2

Kerry Pentney – 5 votes
 Benjamin Harvey – 2 votes
 Craig Whipps – 3 votes

Candidate 2 - Round 3

Kerry Pentney – 7 votes
 Craig Whipps – 3 votes

Majority vote – Kerry Pentney

The voting was independently verified by the Town Clerk, Tracey Pulford, and the Administrative Assistant, Julie Crittenden.

The Town Clerk then informed the meeting that the co-opted Councillors are:- Katrine Mitchell and Kerry Pentney.

172. CLOSE OF MEETING:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

Chair

Date 21st March 2024