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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

21st September, 2017

PRESENT

Councillor Shepherd (in the Chair)
 Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Bramley, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Oxby, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

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| OFFICERS: | Rob Walsh | Chief Executive |
| | Simon Jones | Acting Monitoring Officer |
| | Sharon Wroot | Director of Finance, Resources and Operations |
| | Iain Lovell | Group Manager Customer & Communications |
| | Paul Windley | Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager |

NEL.64 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that there were a limited number of tickets left for the cheese and wine evening on 22nd September, 2017, in support of the Mayor's charities.

The Mayor looked forward to representing the Borough at the twinning visit to Konigswinter next week.

NEL.65 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Brookes, McGilligan-Fell and Mickleburgh.

NEL.66 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on July 20th 2017 were approved as a correct record.

NEL.67

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sutton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.72 as a Council-appointed member of the Shoreline Housing Partnership Board.

Councillor K Wheatley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.72 as a Council-appointed member of the Shoreline Housing Partnership Board.

Councillor Brown declared a personal interest in any matters relating to his role as a trustee of Cleethorpes Community Sports and Education or as an employee of Vision for Education.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in NEL.79 (Cabinet minute CB.23) as he was employed in the further education sector.

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in any matters relating to his role as Vice Chair of Centre 4.

Members were reminded that declarations of interest were only required on specific items included on the agenda for this meeting or on matters arising from the meeting such as questions on the minutes.

NEL.68

LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Council received a statement from the Leader of the Council.

The Leader reported on the continued effective engagement with the Government on the Council's economic growth ambitions. This included the recent successful visit of Jake Berry MP, the Minister for the Northern Powerhouse, to learn more about our Town Deal proposals as well as the implementation of our recently awarded £3.8 million of coastal communities funding in Cleethorpes. The Minister was particularly impressed by the strong public/private sector approach and the leadership and strategic direction the Council was providing. The Leader added that Town Deal discussions with Government would continue into the following week, with the Chief Executive and Director of Economy and Growth meeting senior civil servants over a series of engagements in Westminster.

The Leader commented on the Council's role in helping to shape a stronger local economy leading, in turn, to the strengthening of our local communities and the creation of real opportunities for young people and those seeking to retrain or seek out a new career path. Persuading more people to stay in the Borough required a credible offer and would take time and perseverance but the direction was very positive overall.

The Leader referred to the impact that DONG Energy, a global business, was having in the Borough. In the way they were engaging with local schools, they had shown a commitment to the investment they were making in the Borough as well as great leadership.

The Leader reported on the hosting of the first national “Clean Break” summit in Grimsby earlier in the week. This had the support of big name sponsors and representatives from Government, business, education and the myriad parts of the energy sector had descended on our small part of the world to better understand what was happening already and how they could be part of the renewables revolution. The summit, held over two days, was a resounding success, further cementing the ambition and credibility of this Council to enable and shape a renewables future for the Borough, the Humber region and become a UK centre of excellence. The summit took place a day after another major announcement on the renewables front, confirmation that DONG have the go-ahead to build “Hornsea Project Two”, the world’s largest off-shore wind farm, in the North Sea and a major boost for the operations that are already established in the port of Grimsby. This will bring jobs, local supply chain opportunities and further investment as well as showing the Borough’s ambition for growth.

The Leader announced that the Council had, today, received confirmation from the Heritage Lottery Fund that we would receive a grant of £1.9m to support our Townscape Heritage programme in Cleethorpes. This was in addition to the recent award of Coastal Communities Funding and was the result of some great work by officers and our colleagues in Engie.

The Leader took the opportunity to pay tribute to all staff involved in the recent Ofsted inspection of our children’s services, arguably the Council’s most significant responsibility. This had been an intensive and gruelling 4 week inspection process and the result of the inspection was due to be published next week. Whatever the outcome, the Leader was confident that the message would be that the arrangements we have in place to safeguard the welfare of children and young people in our Borough have improved strongly.

The Leader concluded by noting that our even closer working relationship with the Clinical Commissioning Group had taken another step forward this week with the first meeting of the Union Board. This had focused on the challenges and the opportunities facing our health and social care system in order to ensure that the Union was focused on the improvement of the health and wellbeing of the population of this Borough. This provided a strong message about combined democratic and clinical leadership at a time when the NHS locally and regionally was under significant scrutiny and considerable strain.

It was noted that there had been no special urgency decisions taken by either Cabinet or individual Portfolio Holders since the last meeting of Council. In addition, an update on the implementation of Motions previously resolved at preceding Council meetings would be circulated by email to all Members.

QUESTION TIME

Two questions had been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures from Mr Carl Robertson. Mr Robertson attended the meeting and put the first question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment:

"The council wants residents throughout North East Lincolnshire to recycle more which we do not have a problem with in principal. However, how are we meant to recycle more when we only have three tubs for recycling and are there plans for the council to follow suit with the other 75% of local authorities and provide wheelie bins for all recycling materials to be placed in so we are able to recycle more and not have all the recycling blowing all over our gardens and streets?"

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, responded by noting that the councils that provide alternate week collections use various collections schemes for recycling, including boxes, bags and wheeled bins. Recycling legislation aims to promote high quality recycling and does so by requiring that, where practical, materials are collected separately for recycling. 106 authorities collect recycling separately in boxes including similar size authorities such as York City Council, Selby District Council, Rydale District Council, Richmondshire District, Harrogate Borough Council and North West Leicestershire. The alternate week collection scheme in North East Lincolnshire is the first step to be taken but if further opportunities to increase income through recycling are identified, then the council can revisit the frequency of dry recycling collections to further improve recycling services. In the meantime to help people cope with the changes, boxes are available free of charge and we will collect up to 5 boxes every recycling collection (once every two weeks). We are also trialling the use of hessian sacks to see if they help with providing more space for families to recycle plastics, and there is an exceptions policy in place which enabled eligible families to apply for a larger wheeled bin.

Mr. Robertson was invited to put his second question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism:

"I have seen it in the papers that the council have a legal obligation to provide a site for the travelling community, however no suitable sites have been found or identified as of yet, Where does the council plan on finding the money to fund such sites for the travelling community and to continue to maintain and keep the sites clean and tidy at all times, Also are there any plans to have a public consultation sent out to each and every household with regard to any such sites that may be suitable?"

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism, responded that, until a suitable site had been identified, it was uncertain what the associated revenue and capital costs for a particular site would be. However it was known that the minimum requirements of a site would be a need to include connection to water. Part of the decision making process would take account of the funding required to prepare and maintain a site and, if a site was outside of the Council's ownership, whether acquisition costs had to be

considered. A public consultation would be carried out and was being prepared but the detail had not been finalised. This was expected to be undertaken through the use of the Council's social media outlets including the website as well as drop in sessions at local libraries. This process could also include email/ mailshots to commercial property agents and public notice within the local press, who are likely to cover the process independently.

A further question had been submitted, in accordance with the Council's procedures from Mr Chris Osborne. Mr Osborne attended the meeting and put his question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism:

"With the cost of each election estimated to be £240,000, would the council consider moving to a single election every four years and make this much needed saving to the public purse?"

Councillor Patrick responded that the option for the Council to move to a four year election cycle was being considered as one of a range of proposals to address the budget pressures that the Council faced. Before a change could take place, the Council was required to consult with "appropriate persons", which would include Town and Parish Councils and then achieve a two-thirds Council resolution in support of the change. A report on this matter would come back to Full Council in due course.

NEL.70

PETITION FOR DEBATE – THE BARGE

Council considered a petition seeking to incorporate the Barge pub into the future development of the Riverhead area in Grimsby Town Centre. The petition organiser did not attend this meeting.

Councillor P Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing was invited to respond to the petition and open the debate. Councillor P Wheatley referred to a joint statement that had been agreed between the Council, Mr Derrick Howard, owner of the Barge and Capreon, fund managers of Freshney Place. It was noted that this matter had been the subject of ongoing negotiations with the Council clear from the start that they were open to alternative solutions that would see the Barge remain in the Riverhead. A proposal had been subsequently developed, which was at an early stage but, if approved, would see significant restoration works to the Barge with new access and seating arrangements. Mr Howard had commented that the Council was not the villain in this matter, that they were doing their best and that he enjoyed a fruitful working relationship with the Council. The developer remained confident of bringing the cinema development to fruition and hoped that this would include a solution to retain an enhanced Barge as a continued and complementary asset to the town. Councillor P Wheatley therefore moved that the petition be received. This was seconded by Councillor Oxby.

Upon a vote, this was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received.

NEL.71

PETITION FOR DEBATE – MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Council considered a petition calling for a reduction in the allowances paid to Elected Members of this Council.

The Mayor invited Mr Carl Robertson, as the petition organiser, to present the petition.

Mr. Robertson commented that the petition called for a reduction in all allowances paid to Members and for the mayoral allowance to be no longer paid. This was in the context of financial reductions within the organisation and the need to protect frontline services in view of further financial savings that were required. It was also requested that Members produce receipts or evidence of all travel claims.

Councillor Oxby, Leader of the Council, was invited to respond and open the debate. He noted that, in accordance with legislation, the Independent Remuneration Panel was responsible for reviewing allowances and making recommendations for Council consideration. He therefore felt that it would be inappropriate for this matter to be debated at this meeting and moved that the petition be received and referred to the panel in anticipation of it making recommendations to the Council. This was seconded by Councillor Watson.

Following a short debate, Councillor Jackson then moved the closure motion “that the vote be put”. This was seconded by Councillor Beasant, and the Mayor put this closure motion to the vote. The closure motion was declared carried and Councillor Oxby’s motion was put to the vote.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received and referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel in anticipation of it making recommendations to the Council.

NEL.72

PROPOSED MERGER OF SHORELINE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP AND BOSTON MAYFLOWER HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Council considered a requisition by six Members of the Council for consideration of the following matter, submitted in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders:

“To consider the proposed merger of Shoreline Housing Ltd and Boston Mayflower Ltd, now the subject of a five-week consultation, with the aim of clearly informing, by a debate and vote, the Council’s official response to the proposal, and those charged with delivering a view as to whether the merger would be beneficial should it go ahead in the light of:

- a) The fit with the Council’s strategies, plans and outcomes framework, with particular reference to place and social and affordable housing,*

- b) Future partnership working to build a stronger economy and stronger communities under the proposed revised governance model for the merged housing association,*
- c) The balance of risks and opportunities for current and future social tenants living in the Borough.”*

Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, Councillors Sutton and K Wheatley left the meeting for consideration of this item.

Councillor Oxby, Leader of the Council, opened the debate in the absence of a motion within the requisition. He moved that it be recommended to support the proposed merger. This was seconded by Councillor P Wheatley.

Following a debate, the Mayor put the motion to the vote and it was

RESOLVED – That it be recommended to Cabinet that the proposed merger of Shoreline Housing Partnership and Boston Mayflower Housing Association be supported.

NEL.73

NOTICE OF MOTION 1

Council considered a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew, submitted in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders as set out below:

The introduction of bus lanes in North East Lincolnshire was seen as an effective way of managing heavy traffic whilst also maintaining an effective bus service, particularly at peak times of the day. However, it has been noted that the enforcement against drivers using the bus lanes unlawfully is poor, and no Penalty Charge Notices have been issued to drivers in North East Lincolnshire breaking the law by using bus lanes outside of the permitted hours.

The income that can be achieved by enforcing Bus Only Lanes can be significant, and as an example, Hull City Council have achieved a substantial return by applying strict enforcement.

However, the main objective of Bus Only Lanes should be to improve and maintain free flowing traffic, particularly at peak times, and not to focus on income generation.

This Council, therefore, agrees that a full review of Bus Only Lanes in North East Lincolnshire is undertaken, to establish their effectiveness, and gives an undertaking to remove any Bus Only Lanes, in areas such as Scartho Road, where there has been a significant increase in the flow of traffic, as a result of ongoing development. Where bus lanes are identified as an asset to traffic control and deemed appropriate, then this Council agrees that strict enforcement measures should be applied.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Oxby, requesting that the motion be re-worded as follows:

The introduction of bus lanes in North East Lincolnshire was seen as an effective way of managing heavy traffic whilst also maintaining an effective bus service, particularly at peak times of the day. However, it has been noted that the enforcement against drivers using the bus lanes unlawfully is poor, and no Penalty Charge Notices have been issued to drivers in North East Lincolnshire breaking the law by using bus lanes outside of the permitted hours.

The income that can be achieved by enforcing Bus Lanes can be significant, and as an example, Hull City Council have achieved a substantial return by applying strict enforcement.

However, the main objective of Bus Lanes should be to improve safety and maintain free flowing traffic, which includes buses, taxis and cyclists, particularly at peak times, and not to focus on income generation.

This Council, therefore, agrees that the Economy Scrutiny Panel consider a full review of Bus Lanes in North East Lincolnshire, to establish their effectiveness, especially where there has been a significant increase in the flow of traffic as a result of ongoing development. Where bus lanes are identified as an asset to traffic control and deemed appropriate, then this Council agrees that strict enforcement measures should be applied.

Members debated this amendment and at the conclusion of the debate, the amendment was put to the vote. A recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Amendment

Councillors Barber, Bolton, Brown, Burton, Chase, Darby, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Oxby, Patrick, Rogers, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (18 votes).

Against the Amendment

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Cairns, Colquhoun, Cracknell, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson and Stockton (21 votes).

The amendment was declared lost and the debate returned to the substantive motion. A recorded vote was then held in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the motion

Councillors Bramley, Cairns, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson and Stockton (17 votes).

Against the motion

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brown, Burton, Chase, Darby, De Freitas, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Oxby, Patrick, Rogers, Rudd, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (21 votes).

Abstained

Councillor Barber (1 vote).

The motion was declared lost.

NEL.74

NOTICE OF MOTION 2

Council considered a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Fenty, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

The current estimated eight month timetable for the construction of a traffic light controlled junction at Tollbar in place of the current roundabout is unacceptable. It will cause congestion, disruption and potentially dangerous rat-running for an excessive period of time.

This Council calls for the project to be substantially accelerated with various options to achieve this and timescales for each one referred to scrutiny at the earliest opportunity.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Oxby, requesting that the motion be re-worded as follows:

The current estimated eight month timetable for the construction of a traffic light controlled junction at Tollbar in place of the current roundabout is challenging for regular users. It may cause congestion, disruption and potentially dangerous rat-running.

This Council calls for the Economy Scrutiny Panel to examine the project to see if it can be accelerated with various options, including the cost implications, to achieve this.

Prior to the debate on this amendment, the Mayor moved a brief adjournment of the meeting. At the reconvening of the meeting, the Mayor further moved that the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to

permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m. if required. This was seconded by Councillor De Freitas. Upon a show of hands, the motion was carried and it was

RESOLVED - That the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m.

Members debated the amendment and at the conclusion of the debate, the amendment was put to the vote. A recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Amendment

Councillors Barber, Bolton, Brown, Burton, Darby, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Oxby, Patrick, Rogers, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (17 votes).

Against the Amendment

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson and Stockton (22 votes).

The amendment was declared lost and the debate returned to the substantive motion. A recorded vote was then held in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the motion

Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Brown, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, James, Lindley, Oxby, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (34 votes).

Against the motion

Councillors Bolton and Burton (2 votes).

Abstained

Councillors Hyldon-King, Patrick and Sutton (3 votes).

The Monitoring Officer declared the motion carried and it was

RESOLVED - That the project for the construction of a traffic light controlled junction at Tollbar roundabout be substantially accelerated with various options to

achieve this and that the timescales for each one be referred to scrutiny at the earliest opportunity.

NEL.75

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Mayor invited Councillor Jackson to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“Earlier this year, this Council spent over £17000 on two considerable lengths of Armco crash barrier along both sides of Waithe Lane, a lightly-trafficked, single track rural road between the village of Brigsley and the boundary with Lincolnshire. They are totally out of character in this location and appear to be unjustified; there is a ditch running alongside a short stretch of the road but this is not uncommon on rural roads and the vast majority have no barrier protection. Furthermore, these barriers were installed without consultation with the Parish Council, local residents or the Ward Councillors. In the light of experience, road users are now saying that the barriers make the road more dangerous as they obscure sightlines and increase the chance of a collision between two cars or a car and bicycle. Will the Portfolio Holder visit the site to view these incongruous crash barriers and the potentially increased hazard they present and consider their dismantling and removal?”

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, responded that the existing Armco barrier in Waithe Lane, Brigsley was replaced with a vehicle restraint barrier, as the existing barrier was in poor condition and did not meet current design standards for vehicle restraint systems of this type. The old barriers were at a significantly greater risk of failing should they have been struck by a vehicle. The new vehicle restraint barriers conform to current design standards for roads with a speed limit of 60mph, which is the speed limit on this part of Waithe Lane. They were replaced as part of an annual programme of replacement and improvement to existing safety barriers across the Borough, which is funded through the Council's annual Local Transport Plan (LTP) capital works programme. As with all works delivered through the annual LTP capital works, both an annual programme and quarterly updates are provided to all members to advise them of works planned in their wards.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson noted that the new barrier was much longer than the one it replaced and asked whether it was something more suitable for a Formula One race-track.

Councillor Watson agreed to look into this and provide a written response.

The Mayor invited Councillor Brown to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“Could the Deputy Leader please update Full Council on the progress of the petition, signed by nearly 500 residents, calling for action to stop speeding and antisocial behaviour along Cleethorpes Promenade.”

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, responded that this matter had been referred to the Communities Scrutiny Panel for consideration at its next meeting.

RESOLVED - That a written response be provided to Councillor Jackson’s supplementary question on the crash barrier that had been installed on Waithe Lane between the village of Brigsley and the boundary with Lincolnshire.

NEL.76

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 31st JULY, 2017

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 31st July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.77

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 2nd AUGUST, 2017

At CB.20, Councillor Sutton asked whether the Portfolio Holder agreed that transfer of lease for the ice rink facility at Grimsby Leisure Centre was a great success and was an indication of a listening Council.

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism agreed and thanked the Grimsby Ice Rink Community Group for their efforts, wishing them every success with the venture.

On the same minute, Councillor Jackson enquired whether, had it not been for a call in of the original cabinet decision, the ice rink would have been closed by now.

Councillor Patrick responded that subsequent scrutiny consideration had failed to find an answer to the funding situation and it was only through the administration adding it to the budget that the rink was able to remain open.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 2nd August, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.78

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 30th AUGUST, 2017

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor P Wheatley.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30th August, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.79

MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 24TH JULY, 2017

At PH.EE.6 (Petition – maintenance schedule for public grassed areas in Cleethorpes), Councillor Pettigrew asked, as there had yet to be a meeting of the Smarter Neighbourhoods Working Group, whether the issues regarding rotas and hedge cutting could be referred to the next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Panel. Councillor Watson, the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment responded that this was not within his gift.

On the same minute, Councillor Fenty enquired whether the portfolio holder was aware of the unnecessary cost of lawnmower equipment resulting from the change in grass cutting policy. Councillor Watson responded that he would provide the cost in writing.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty asked whether the portfolio holder was aware that the cutting of over-long grass resulted in drains being blocked which then had to be followed up with the use of a road sweeper. Councillor Watson responded that he was not aware of any evidence to support this.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Oxby.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder Energy and Environment meeting held on 24th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.80

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2017

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Dickerson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning meeting held on 13th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.81

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 27TH JULY, 2017

At SPC.15 (Regeneration Partnership Quarter 4 Performance – Killed or Seriously Injured), Councillor Jackson sought an assurance that data from comparable local authorities would be made available. Councillor Shreeve, Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Panel confirmed that this would be provided to the panel.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of Scrutiny Panel – Communities meeting held on 27th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.82 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Barfield.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Economy meeting held on 12th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.83 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 23th AUGUST, 2017**

At SPE.19 (Parking Strategy Review), Councillor Pettigrew enquired whether the Chair agreed that the panel was presented with a collection of data rather than a strategy and whether an independent review of the information was required.

Councillor Jackson agreed that it was a review of data but as a result of scrutinising he expected that a strategy would, at last, be made available. He did not feel that there was a need for an independent review of the information as he imagined that the Council's staff would be able to provide any additional information needed.

On the same minute, Councillor Hasthorpe sought clarification that there was a car park strategy recommendation in place.

Councillor Jackson confirmed that there was and it had been agreed that the panel's views would be taken back to allow the strategy to be formulated prior to further consideration by the panel.

On the same minute, Councillor Stinson enquired whether the Chair was confident with the data presented as a previous Cabinet Working Party had been suspended due to the need for accurate data.

Councillor Jackson felt that the timing of the data collection may not have been ideal but nevertheless he felt it was a reasonably good indicative set of data.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Economy meeting held on 23th August, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.84 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY, 2017**

At SPH.9 (Work Programme), Councillor Fenty asked for an update from the portfolio holder on progress with the provision of a Border Inspection Post (BIP).

Councillor P Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing, responded that the Council and ABP have worked together on a new BIP proposal for some while. Whilst designs are at an advanced stage, ABP had advised that it was having to review all its business activities in terms of the potential impacts and opportunities of Brexit. On that basis, the Council remain in active dialogue with ABP and it was expected that upon the conclusion of the business review, we would be able to contract for a new BIP. In the meantime, the current BIP facility remained operational.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty enquired when the new BIP would be opened.

Councillor P Wheatley responded that this was subject to knowing the full implications of Brexit.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care meeting held on 5th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.85

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE MEETING HELD ON 8th AUGUST, 2017

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care meeting held on 8th August, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.86

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY, 2017

At SPTVE.10 (Work Programme), Councillor Brown asked the Chair for an update on the setting up of the working group to look at markets in North East Lincolnshire.

Councillor Parkinson, Deputy Chair of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel, agreed to follow this up and provide a written response to Councillor Brown.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Brown asked about the timescale for the working group's deliberations. Councillor Parkinson responded that he expected this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

At SPTVE.8 (Saltmarsh), Councillor Fenty asked whether there was an awareness that the rampant growth of the marsh grass was threatening the seaside economy of Cleethorpes.

Councillor Parkinson responded that the panel was regularly monitoring the situation and asking for necessary remedial works to be carried out. He agreed that the seaside economy would be affected if this growth was allowed to progress.

On the same minute, Councillor Fenty enquired what was being done about the matter he had previously raised about the mud that had formed as a result of the marsh grass.

Councillor Parkinson responded that this matter was being monitored by the panel.

On the same minute, Councillor Cracknell asked whether the Deputy Chair was aware that it was only just over 20 years ago that the saltmarsh was used for racing sand yachts.

Councillor Parkinson remembered it quite well and confirmed that the panel continued to ask the portfolio holder to keep a check on the growth of the saltmarsh.

On the same minute, Councillor Wilson sought confirmation that it was the policy of the Council to control the saltmarsh and that the growth had been restricted to the agreed demarcation line.

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, confirmed that this was correct.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Parkinson and seconded by Councillor Hasthorpe.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That a written response be provided to Councillor Brown's request for an update on the setting up of the working group to look at markets in North East Lincolnshire.
- (2) That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy meeting held on 6th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.87

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY, 2017

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 4th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.88 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th AUGUST, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 24th August, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.89 **MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD MEETING HELD ON 19th JUNE, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hyldon-King and seconded by Councillor Patrick.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Well Being Board meeting held on 19th June, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.90 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th JULY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Harness.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.91 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16th AUGUST, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Harness.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th August, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.92 **MINUTES OF THE APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Bramley.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appeals Sub Committee meeting held on 5th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.93 **MINUTES OF THE APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11th JULY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Goodwin and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appeals Sub Committee meeting held on 11th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.94 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 3rd July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.95 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th JULY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 24th July, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.96 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17**

The Council received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism detailing treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during 2016/17. This item was considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 4th July, 2017 and Cabinet on 30th August, 2017 and was referred to Council with a recommendation to note the content of the report

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

NEL.97 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY**

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of Humberside Fire Authority held on 26th June, 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of Humberside Fire Authority held on 26th June, 2017 be noted.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.