

MYLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2017

The Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th December 2017 at Mile End Methodist Church Hall Nayland Road Colchester, commencing at 7.30pm

<u>Council Members present</u>	<u>Present</u>
Chairman: Councillor J L Stewart	Yes
Vice Chairman: Councillor M Goss	Yes
Councillors: Councillor Ms. P Bacon (arrived 7.40pm)	Yes
Councillor Miss C Bailey	No
Councillor R Beauchamp	Yes
Councillor Mrs C Clouston	No
Councillor D Clouston	No
Councillor Ms de Smith	Yes
Councillor J Dickson	Yes
Councillor Mrs H Dryburgh	No
Councillor A Ellis	No
Councillor Ms L Gray	No
Councillor A Hayman	Yes
Councillor P Hewitt	Yes
Councillor Mrs A Jay	Yes
Councillor R Johnstone	Yes
Councillor D King	No
Staff Present: Locum Clerk to the Council Denise Humphris Assistant Clerk Katherine Kane	

I member of the public

- 123/17** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED:** to accept apologies from Councillor D Clouston, Councillor Mrs C Clouston, Councillor Miss C Bailey Councillor D King, Councillor Mrs H Dryburgh and Councillor Ms L Gray.
- 124/17** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None
- 125/17** **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH November 2017**
RESOLVED: (unanimously) to approve the minutes as a true record for signature by the Chairman (previously circulated)
- 126/17** **HAVE YOUR SAY – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
It was reported that the road sign giving directions to the Methodist Church which is missing from Nayland Road is scheduled to be replaced early in 2018.

127/17 **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: (unanimously) to acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the following committee meetings:

a) Planning and Development Committee 1st November 2017

b) Resources Policy and Strategy Committee 7th December 2017

(i) **RESOLVED: (unanimously)** to accept and adopt all recommendations therein

(ii) **RESOLVED: (unanimously)** to approve the Budget/Precept for 2018/2019 as recommended with a precept of £132180 resulting in a cost of £25.91 per annum to a Band D taxpayer and increase of 6.5% or 3p per week including use of £30k unallocated reserves.

Councillor Ms Bacon joined the meeting.

128/17 **CLERK'S REPORT** Nothing to report

129/17 **REPORTS FROM WARD AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Santa Event

Ward Councillor Martin Goss reported on the successful Santa tour of Mile End which raised £455.14. It was well supported with many volunteers and positive feedback from residents and planning for next year has already started, when it is hoped the event can be bigger and better. The local Co-op added to the community spirit and helped by taking the buckets of coins and counting them and handing over pound notes, saving other volunteers lots of time.

Local Crime

Councillor Hayman urged everyone to be vigilant as there has been a daytime burglary in the area recently.

CALC

Councillor Johnstone reported on the recent CALC meeting where the main topic of conversation was the proposed Garden Communities and the Borough Council Local Plan. Growth across Colchester is expected to be around 20% over the next 15 years. Options to accommodate this growth could have a huge impact on wards and parishes across Colchester which may mean ribbon development and cause distinct parished communities coalescing with each other, so garden communities looked to be a more sustainable option.

Community Engagement Committee

Councillor Ms Bacon advised that some informal meetings of the new committee had taken place and some good ideas were emerging. The first formal committee meeting is scheduled for 17th January 2018.

Colchester Community Stadium – land between Stadium and Bosted Road

Councillor Hewitt advised that he had met with a representative of the Community Stadium to discuss future possibilities for this piece of land. It was evident that it would definitely have to have a sporting orientation but the close proximity of the David Loyd centre may restrain the type of sport. The land is too small for a BMX track and there had been talk of a climbing wall with picnic arrangements for visiting families. Ward councillors have some information from a recent community survey about what is wanted and it may be possible for Myland Community Council to do their

own survey at some point in the future.

The Big Garden Highwoods

The Assistant Clerk passed on thanks from the Big Garden Organisers for the recently agreed grant funding and they have been asked to attend a Full Council meeting in the future to give more information about how the money has helped and how it has been spent.

130/17 BRIEF REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Chairman's Report: The Chairman submitted a written report which had been circulated before the meeting. See appendix 1.

131/17 COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRESS RESOLVED: (unanimously) that this Council authorises the Chairman, if required, to communicate on its behalf on any enquiries or requests from the media and to report any such contact back to the next Council meeting and to further authorise the Clerk, as legal adviser to comment if needed. The Council does have an existing Media Policy and this is to be reviewed.

132/17 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES RESOLVED: to approve the meeting date as per Appendix 2 to May 2018.

133/17 PAYMENT OF INVOICES

RESOLVED: to approve the monthly list of payments totalling £7322.30 as follows:
December 2017

staff costs	5669.53		5669.53	December staff costs
Anglian Water	47.42		47.42	Water Bill
Clear Business	26.2	4.37	21.83	Telephone
CNG Power	110.76	5.27	105.49	Gas
BNP Paribas	225	37.5	187.5	Photocopier
Opus Energy	12.39	0.59	11.8	Electric
MR. M K Moore	80		80	replacement chq wrong payee
M Fulcher	£40		40	Gardening
Mile End Methodist Church	23		23	Meeting fee
Scribe Accounting	462	77	385	Accounts software
K Kane	30		30	Office cleaning
2nd Myland Brownies	476		476	Grant Funding
Make Lunch	120		120	Grant Funding

134/17 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 7.30pm at Mile End Methodist Church Hall Nayland Road Mile End Colchester.

CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE

SIGNED BY

DATE

APPENDIX 1 MYLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL 20th December 2017

Chairman's Report December 2017

As we prepare for our final Council meeting it is, perhaps, time to reflect back on what has been a busy year. During the year we have said farewell to some colleagues welcomed new faces and the Council has now returned to its full complement of Councillors. Our new Councillors have been prepared to stand up and become involved in local community work and this is welcomed. Our Council, although on the first tier of Local Government, is nevertheless an important one with grassroots access to our community. We, as a Council, are reaching out to our community asking them what they need and want from us and helping organisations financially where we can.

From experience, becoming a Councillor can be challenging especially if you are new to the role of public service. Understanding procedures and rules can be daunting as can be speaking at our Council meetings. Fortunately, this is where EALC (Essex Association of Local Councils) comes into play as they have a vast array of courses which will benefit your work as a Councillor. I urge you all to take advantage of these.

At the end of my first year as Chairman there are some thank you(s) required. Our Vice Chair, Martin Goss, for his support and Chair of the RP&S Pete Hewitt who, despite a hectic last few months has managed to present our 2018/19 budget and precept for approval. I would also like to thank Catherine Clouston for editing and producing The Mylander, our Assistant Clerk Katherine Kane who not only supports our Planning Committee but keeps me on track when its needed and our Locum Clerk, Denise, for stepping into the breach and bringing her organisational skills to us.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our Council Offices this Friday between 12 and 2 for sherry or coffee/tea and mince pies. It would be an ideal opportunity to chat with our Clerks and any fellow Councillors who can make it.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for contributing to the work of this Council throughout 2017 and to wish you, your families and loved ones, a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

APPENDIX 2 MYLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL 20th December 2017

MYLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES JANUARY 2018 – MAY 2018

JANUARY

Planning and Development
Committee

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Community Engagement
Committee

Wednesday 17th January 2018

Resources Policy & Strategy
Committee

Thursday 18th January 2018

Full council	Wednesday 31 st January 2018
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
Planning and Development Committee	Wednesday 7 th February 2018
Community Engagement Committee	Wednesday 21 st February 2018
Full Council	Wednesday 28 th February 2018

MARCH 2018

Resources Policy & Strategy Committee	Thursday 1 st March 2018
Planning and Development Committee	Wednesday 7 th March 2018
Community Engagement Committee	Wednesday 21 st March 2018
Full Council	Wednesday 28 th March 2018

APRIL 2018

Planning and Development Committee	Wednesday 4 th April 2018
Resources Policy & Strategy Committee	Thursday 12 th April 2018
Community Engagement Committee	Wednesday 18 th April 2018
Full Council	Wednesday 25 th April 2018

MAY 2018

Planning and Development Committee	Wednesday 2 nd May 2018
<u>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</u>	Wednesday 16 th May 2018
Community Engagement Committee	Wednesday 23 rd May 2018
Resources Policy & Strategy Committee	Thursday 24 th May 2018

