

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE
COMMON LIASION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE,
13 HIGH STREET, CANVEY ISLAND
ON WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT:

Committee: Natalie Holt (Chairman), Cllr J. Anderson and Cllr T. Skipp

Also present: Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk
Mrs A. Ruskin – Community Warden

CL/001/17 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr D. Blackwell and Cllr R. Howard.

CL/002/17 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations of interest were received.

**CL/003/17 - PUBLIC FORUM - TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY OF CANVEY ISLAND ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING
TEN MINUTES.**

No members of the public were present.

**CL/004/17 - TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 24TH MAY 2017.**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on the 24th May 2017 were **CONFIRMED** and signed as a true record.

**CL/005/17 – TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT FROM THE ONGOING PROJECTS AND NOT ON THE
AGENDA.**

Members noted the updates provided and not on the agenda.

**CL/006/17 – TO NOTE THE PRESENTATION PROVIDED AT THE MEETING ON THE 16TH AUGUST
2017 REGARDING FLOODING PRESENTED BY KAT DEDMAN, ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND
PETE SPEARMAN, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY.**

Members noted the presentation given by Kat Dedman, Essex County Council, Flood Authority Manager and Phil Spearman, Environment Agency, Flood & Coastal Risk Management Advisor detailing the findings from the Canvey Lake study. It was noted that the Canvey Lake study was instigated following the production of the IUD study undertaken in 2015 advising that the lake was a 'root cause' of flooding by slow emptying. There were 4 options proposed in the lake study, however, the recommended options are as follows:

- Do Nothing
- Do Minimal – Continue existing maintenance regime
- Option 1 – removal of Hilton Weir and lowering connection – includes dredging and re-profiling of lake.
- Option 1a – removal of Hilton Weir and lowering connection – no dredging. This will change the existing amenity and will require the removal of fish

When presented with the information the Multi Agency Partnership requested further investigation as it was felt that the evidence base for the minimal improvement to the local residents was insufficient and assessments should be made of the targeted areas of local flooding to look at what improvements can be made at these locations.

CL/007/17 – TO DISCUSS THE GROWING PROBLEM OF CANADIAN GEESE AT THE LAKE

Members noted that various complaints had been received from residents regarding the growing number of Canadian geese at the lake and concerns were raised regarding attacks on dogs and the potential impact to the public. The Community Warden advised that she had spoken to Natural England for advice and confirmed that geese are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Members discussed possible solutions such as the use of mineral or oil to prevent future eggs from hatching, however, noted that this was not a long term solution and would not prevent the geese from returning to breed. Members noted that there were fewer other species of bird at the lake and were concerned that the number of geese was the reason, however, it was suggested that other environmental issues or changes to the lake may prevent other species returning.

The Community Warden advised that Natural England had recommended contacting a pest control company for further advice. Members noted that most options for the removal of the geese were not viable in a residential area and **RESOLVED** that the Community Warden investigate potential habitat changes to make the environment less favourable for the geese.

CL/008/17 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE FISHING COMPETITION HELD ON SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2017

Members noted that approximately 20 to 30 fisherman attended the competition which was very successful and just under £500.00 was raised for the Indie Rose Charity. No complaints were received from residents and all litter was cleared away.

CL/009/17 – TO NOTE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD WITH THE BIG LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING THE NEW PLAY AREA AND CONSIDER AND AGREE THE FOLLOWING:

Members noted the minutes provided and approved the opening of the new park scheduled for the 25th October 2017.

The Name of the Park

Members discussed the naming of the park and **RESOLVED** to name it Canvey Lake Play Area.

The Design of the Signs for the Entrance to the Park

Members considered the design of the required signage and **RESOLVED** to accept the rainbow design submitted by the Clerk.

The Quotes Provided for the Purchase and Installation of the Entrance Signage

Members discussed and considered the quotes provided to purchase and install the signage and **RESOLVED** to appoint Design4Print to produce the sign at a cost of £338.93 and CB Landscapes to install the signage at a cost of £45.00 to be taken from the Lake Enhancement budget.

CL/010/17 - TO NOTE THE MINUTES FROM THE LAKE WATCH MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH JULY 2017.

Members noted the minutes from the Lake Watch meeting held on the 25th July 2017. Members noted the complaint in relation to the bird feeding station and the grass cutting and agreed no further action was required.

CL/011/17 - TO NOTE A REPORT REGARDING A DOG ATTACKING WILDFOWL AND THE RESOLUTION.

Members noted the report made by the Community Warden in relation to the attack on wildfowl.

CL/012/17 - TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE QUOTES PROVIDED TO REPAIR AND REPLACE THE JETTY WALKWAY.

Members considered the quotes provided to repair and replace the jetty walkway and **RESOLVED** to appoint B&M Carpenter to complete the repairs at a cost of £2,210.00 to be taken from the General

Maintenance budget. Members **AGREED** that the potential to sponsor a wooden slat should be investigated.

CL/013/17 - TO CONSIDER A REQUEST MADE BY A RESIDENT TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE FOR FEEDING WILDFOWL.

Members considered the request made by a resident to install appropriate signage for feeding wildfowl and the report provided by the Clerk detailing the effects of feeding wildfowl with bread and similar foods and **RESOLVED** to investigate purchasing potential signage to be installed in two appropriate locations.

CL/014/17 – TO NOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT DETAILING INCIDENTS AND ACTIONS COMPLETED

Members noted the health and safety report detailing incidents and actions completed.

Meeting closed at 4.20 pm

Chairman

29th November 2017