

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMON LIAISON COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE,  
13 HIGH STREET, CANVEY ISLAND  
ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Yianni Andrews (Chairman), Cllr J. Anderson and Cllr B. Campagna. Cllr R. Howard arrived at 3.00pm

Also present: Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk  
Mrs A. Ruskin – Community Warden  
1 member of the public

**CL/012/18 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr P. Varker

**CL/013/18 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

No declarations of interest were received.

**CL/014/18 - 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.**

A resident wished to discuss item 7 of the agenda in relation to setting up a new fishing club. He advised that he had fished the lake for around 18 years and that there used to be a charge for fishing. He would like with a group of volunteers to put something back into the community on a volunteer basis and assist the council to enforce its current rules and patrol the lake. He advised that should a fishing club be agreed it was felt that a charge should be reinstated to help regulate fishing. He advised that although the lake was presently closed there were still people fishing and fishing club members could help with this in the future by educating those fishing the lake. Currently there are 4 maybe 5 volunteers interested and are willing to help at weekends.

Members **AGREED** to bring forward item 7 of the agenda to discuss the proposal of a new fishing club

**CL/015/18 – TO NOTE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING RESTARTING A FISHING CLUB TO HELP MAINTAIN AND PATROL THE LAKE**

Members noted the correspondence received and the information provided during the public forum and fully supported the idea of a new fishing club and thanked the resident for coming forward with this proposal. Members **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk instigate discussions with the group of volunteers to establish ideas and a potential agreement to be brought back to the committee for consideration.

**CL/016/18 - TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2018.**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 were **CONFIRMED** and signed as a true record.

**CL/017/18 – TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT FROM THE ONGOING PROJECTS AND NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Members noted a cost had been obtained from the contractor who repaired the jetty to install a step at a cost of £195.00. Members agreed this be approved under delegated powers.

**CL/018/18 – TO NOTE THE CLOSURE OF CANVEY LAKE ENFORCED BY CEFAS AND RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE INCIDENTS OF FISH AND WILDFOWL DEMISE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS**

Members noted the reports provided and in particular the collection of samples by the CEFAS Fish Health Inspector and the confirmation of KHV (koi herpesvirus) disease. The presence of KHV was

confirmed in these samples through PCR (polymerase chain reaction) and gene sequencing diagnostic tests which were conducted at the CEFAS laboratory in accordance with EU statutory requirements. The fish samples exhibited the clinical signs associated with the disease. KHV disease is notifiable under the 'Aquatic Animal Health (England & Wales) Regulations 2009'. Where notifiable disease is suspected or confirmed disease control measures are in the form of a designation notice to stop the movement of live and dead fish and to ascertain site activities, to reduce the risk of further disease spread. Disease control signage has been erected around the lake. It has been recommended that the lake remain closed for fishing whilst the mortalities are ongoing. Due to the nature of the lake and the difficulty in placing biosecurity measures in the form of secure net dips it has been recommended that the lake remain closed throughout the summer season. This is in order to prevent any potential re-occurrence of disease.

A Confirmed Designation is a legal order and remains in force until CEFAS are satisfied that the disease is no longer present in the area. The monitoring programme will start in 2019 and takes a minimum of one year to complete post disease outbreak and will run to the end of the calendar year following. Canvey Lake will receive a minimum of two formal inspections per year during the KHV disease outbreak season, to assess stock health and check compliance with the conditions of the designation. In addition, CEFAS may undertake unannounced spot checks at any time of the year to monitor for compliance with the conditions of the Confirmed Designation.

Members noted that the wildfowl deaths have although not confirmed shown signs and symptoms of Avian Botulism and there is a high probability of the disease being present.

Members noted that investigations had been made into a possible air rating system to assist with the oxygen levels and although this appears to be an option it will inevitably suck up the existing silt and would require constant resources to prevent vandalism and operational issues.

Members **RESOLVED** that the committee should review future fish losses in relation to this disease on an annual basis and requested that the Community Warden investigate with CEFAS the implications of culling fish or other options which may assist with the management of the continuing problem.

#### **CL/019/18 – TO CONSIDER A COMPLAINT RECEIVED REGARDING THE UN-ADOPTED ROAD LEADING TO THE LAKE**

Members reviewed the complaint received and photos provided. It was noted that there were limited vehicles which were related to council functions and that any damage caused by these vehicles is monitored and repaired if required by the contractor. All other vehicle movement evidenced are from other sources not related to the lake and predominantly parents dropping off children to the nearby school. Members **RESOLVED** that it is not the responsibility of the Council to repair this un-adopted road and that the previously approved letter should be sent in response to the complaint with the suggestion that the resident contact the school for financial assistance.

#### **CL/020/18 – TO NOTE THE LAKE WATCH MINUTES FROM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018.**

Members noted the minutes from the Lake Watch meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

#### **CL/021/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS OF LAND OWNERSHIP OF LAKESIDE PATH AND CONSIDER AND AGREE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.**

Members noted the Clerks report detailing the investigations of land ownership of Lakeside Path and the responses provided by ECC and CPBC. Members **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to the owner of the land to establish whether he is willing to either donate or sell the land in question to the Council or allow a bollard to be erected. Members also agreed that investigations should be made with the Parking Partnership to establish whether yellow lines could be installed to prevent parking which is prohibiting and causing health & safety concerns to the public on the footpath and cycle path.

**CL/022/18 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS FOR PAINTING THE BRIDGES AND CONSIDER AND AGREE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.**

Members considered the options and investigations into the painting of the bridges and **RESOLVED** to appoint Aspect Maintenance Ltd to paint all four bridges in forest green at a cost of £2,460 to be taken from the Lake Enhancements budget.

Members **AGREED** that options of identifying the location of the bridges for emergency services should be investigated.

**CL/023/18 – 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 3.30pm

Chairman

28<sup>th</sup> November 2018