

# Saxmundham Town Council



**All Members of Saxmundham Town Council are summoned to attend a meeting on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7.00 pm using Zoom**

Should any member of the public wish to attend, please contact the Clerk on the number or email below.

## AGENDA

**Open Forum:** Members of the public are invited to give their views on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman.

1 155/20TC	<b>Apologies and Approvals of Absence</b> - To receive apologies for absence.
2 156/20TC	<b>Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations</b> Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests and consideration of any requests for dispensation. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting.
3 157/20TC	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting:</b> To resolve that the draft minutes of the Saxmundham Town Council meeting held on the 8 March 2021 are a true and correct record.
4 158/20TC	<b>County Councillor Report</b> - To receive a report from County Councillor R. Smith MVO.
5 159/20TC	<b>District Councillor Report</b> – To receive a report from District Councillor John Fisher.
6 160/20TC	<b>Chair’s Report</b> – To receive a report from Councillor Jeremy Smith.
7 161/20TC	<b>Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings:</b> a) To receive and note the draft minutes of the Resources Committee held on the 22 March. b) To receive and note the draft minutes of the Market Hall Management Committee held on the 15 March. c) To receive and note the draft minutes of the Amenities & Services Committee held on the 29 March.
8 162/20TC	<b>Economic Development</b> a) To receive a report on the Saxmundham Town Centre Action Plan. b) To consider feedback from the first Business Network meeting.
9 163/20TC	<b>Financial Matters –</b> a) To receive an initial report on year end position for the Town Council and Market Hall. b) To note the payments and receipts up to the 31 <sup>st</sup> of March 2021. c) To approve any payments that cannot wait until the Resources Committee.

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10 164/20TC	<b>Christmas Lights</b> a) To note that the Christmas lights contract has come to an end. b) To consider consulting with residents and local businesses on future arrangements. c) To consider options for 2021- 2024.	
11 165/20TC	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> a) To receive progress report on the Neighbourhood Plan. b) To approve the appointment of preferred consultant and expenditure of up to £3000.	
12 166/20TC	<b>Youth Booth</b> – To consider an extension for an additional year for the current licence to CYDS for the use of the Youth Booth.	
13 167/20TC	<b>IP17 Good Neighbours Scheme</b> - To approve written agreement for the support grant.	
14 168/20TC	<b>Climate and Ecological and Emergency Bill</b> – To consider motion Annex A to the agenda.	
15 169/20TC	<b>Appointment to Committee</b> – To appoint Councillor Hedley Lewis to the Amenities Committee	
16 170/20TC	<b>Town Council Meetings and Annual Town Meeting</b> a) To agree date and arrangements for Annual Town Meeting. b) To note meeting calendar and date of the Annual Town Council Meeting	
17 171/20TC	<b>Events Working Group</b> - To discuss arrangements and membership of working group to develop events programme for the Town.	
18 172/20TC	<b>Town Centre Decoration</b> – To consider ideas for decorating the Town Centre and authorise the Town Clerk to seek costings.	
19 173/20TC	<b>Reports from Councillor representatives on other organisations.</b>	
	Citizens Advice Bureau Community Partnership East Suffolk Travel Advice (ESTA) Footpath and Tree Warden IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme Patient Participation Group Sizewell A & B & C	Cllr. J. Sandbach Di Eastman Cllr. J Fisher Cllr. J. Fisher Di Eastman Cllr. N. Hiley, Cllr. J. Fisher Cllr. N. Hiley
20 174/20TC	<b>Correspondence</b> - To note correspondence received since the last meeting.	

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**Roz Barnett, Town Clerk**  
**Clerk to Saxmundham Town Council**

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## Annex A

### Motion to Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

#### Introduction

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise. This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040. Therefore, the current UK target of net zero by 2050 is not satisfactory. It is too little too late.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. This is described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities.

Further information is available at: <https://www.cebill.uk/>

#### The Council notes that

- (i) This council has declared a climate and ecological emergency;
- (ii) There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”)—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
  - (a) requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
  - (b) ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
  - (c) includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
  - (d) protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
  - (e) restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and their resistance to climate heating;
  - (f) sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

#### (g) Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision;
- (iii) Write to our local MP, asking them to support the Bill; and
- (iv) Write to the [CEE Bill Alliance](https://www.cebill.uk/), the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support ([campaign@cebill.uk](mailto:campaign@cebill.uk)).