

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL,
HELD ON TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM
IN THE PRINCES THEATRE, TOWN HALL, CLACTON-ON-SEA**

Present: Councillors Nicholls (Chairman), Chapman (Vice-Chairman), Amos, Baker, Bennison, Bray, B E Brown, M Brown, Bucke, Callender, Calver, Cawthron, Chittock, Coley, Cossens, Davis, Everett, Fairley, Ferguson, Fowler, Griffiths, G V Guglielmi, V E Guglielmi, Heaney, I J Henderson, J Henderson, Hones, Honeywood, Howard, Hughes, Khan, Land, Massey, McWilliams, Miles (except items 111 – 118 (part)), Newton, Pemberton, Platt, Poonian, Porter, Raby, Scott, M J Skeels, M J D Skeels, Steady, Stephenson, Stock, Talbot, Turner, Watling, Watson, White, Whitmore, Winfield and Yallop.

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Ian Davidson) (except item 130), Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (Martyn Knappett) (except item 130), Legal Services Manager & Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings), Finance and Procurement Manager & Section 151 Officer (Richard Barrett), Human Resources and Business Manager (Anastasia Simpson), Management and Members' Support Manager (Karen Neath) Communications Manager (Nigel Brown), Senior Democratic Services Officer (Ian Ford) and Democratic Services Officer (Katie Sullivan)

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Broderick, J A Brown and King.

112. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday 9 February 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none at this time.

114. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman's and Vice-Chairman's engagements for the period 26 November 2015 to 4 April 2016 were tabled at the meeting.

The Chairman informed Members that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.2, Councillor Porter had given notice in writing that he had withdrawn his motion in relation to the upcoming European Union Referendum which motion was set out under Agenda Item 15. The Chairman thanked Councillor Porter for withdrawing his Motion.

115. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive formally reported to Council that, on 24 March 2016, Councillor Ashley Mooney had resigned as a Member of Tendring District Council. Notice of the vacancy in the St Pauls Ward had been given and a request to fill the vacancy had been received. The by-election would be held on Thursday 5 May 2016 and the Count would be held on Friday 6 May 2016 as part of the count proceedings for the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections.

116. STATEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

There were none on this occasion.

117. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CABINETMayflower Project

The Leisure Portfolio Holder (Councillor M J D Skeels) informed Cabinet that he had recently held a productive meeting with representatives from the London Borough of Southwark and Plymouth City Council and gave an update on the preparations for the forthcoming 400th Anniversary Replica Voyage to the USA.

118. ANNUAL STATE OF THE TENDRING DISTRICT STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council received the Annual State of the Tendring District Statement from the Leader of the Council (Councillor Stock) as follows:-

“Mr Chairman, Councillors, members of the public, I am proud to present to you this year’s State of Tendring statement. This statement is intended to be a positive view of where we are, to reflect on how far we have come, but I will not attempt to gloss over the challenges that lie ahead.

One year into a new Council, with lots of new Councillors, we can all be proud of the great progress we have made and what we have achieved. This success continues despite the real financial challenges and local circumstances which impact upon our communities.

We continue to demonstrate strong community leadership. We are an integral part of local and regional partnership working; leading the way to find innovative solutions to local challenges. Here are a few examples: -

- We have completed on time and under budget a £36 million coastal defence and regeneration project along a 5km stretch, the largest in the UK, to protect over 3,000 homes and businesses from the sea for the next 100 years. This scheme was only made possible through partnership working and joint innovative funding arrangements – and of course, by this Council showing vision, determination and passion.*
- We have made real progress in Jaywick. In the past year there has been commitment from the Council, working with a variety of agencies, to take action. Working with Essex County Council, roads have been improved. We have purchased 28 hectares of land for development and we are currently working to deliver new homes, businesses and infrastructure. This is all being done in close collaboration with the community. Even the Prime Minister himself has written to me to congratulate us for the work that is being done to improve Jaywick.*
- We are leading the Tendring Community Safety Hub. This model of partnership working has been widely praised in an LGA Peer Review in November 2015. It has resulted in us directing Police and other partners’ priorities to what we see as important. As a result, we have seen crime down by 23% in Harwich and just a 1% increase in Clacton when it was up by 50% just two years ago.*

Overall crime is up by 9% across Essex, however in Tendring it is just 1%. I have also been working with our Chief Executive and the Assistant Chief Constable to promote the roll out of this innovative approach across the rest of Essex.

- We are at the forefront of exploring the opportunities for devolving government powers and funding down to a much more local level. The Chief Executive and I have been*

leading on developing a governance model for a Greater Essex deal; this is no easy task – the 15 different authorities in Greater Essex have a history of disagreeing and given that the combined population of the area is 1.8 million it is no surprise that the different areas have different wants and needs. But despite our differences, we do all have the view that the principle of devolution is a good one, and this shared view has resulted in significant joint working by the 15 Councils. One of the very best examples of joined up working across borders is the work that has been going on between this Authority and our neighbours in Colchester and Braintree. Our joint working on planning policies has attracted national attention and we are again demonstrating our ability to be innovative and to show strong and effective leadership.

- I am also excited to be leading on the ground-breaking work on Garden Communities in North Essex which is a quite revolutionary concept that has been nationally recognised for its pioneering and ambitious vision. So much so that Government has funded £640,000 towards the exploratory work. This is looking at how we deliver outstanding new housing whilst ensuring that the infrastructure needs are delivered before the housing is built out.

And of course we continue to work for those that need help the most. For example, we supported the development of the Tendring Mental Health Hub Pilot with the Citizen's Advice Bureau to ensure that some of the most vulnerable members of our community receive appropriate and timely interventions.

Community Leadership is all about enabling communities and breaking down barriers so that we improve public services for all.

Mr Chairman, we are a Council that works hard to support all these initiatives but we have not forgotten to deliver outstanding affordable services to the public.

- The 24th Clacton Air Show, which gave us another spectacular two days, had an estimated 220,000 people enjoying great weather and an amazing display which included the Vulcan in its last year of flight. The economic impact study shows that the Air Show is worth £5.55m to the Tendring District.
- The Frinton and Walton pool extension which is nearing completion and will bring 136 square metres of upgraded space.
- The newly refurbished Walton-on-the-Naze Lifestyles will open to the public later this month.
- We completed major changes at the Crematorium. This is a £1.5 million scheme which has delivered new cremators and other much needed changes to the crematorium facilities.
- Last year Tendring District Council in partnership with Clacton Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) staged the Tendring Jobs and Careers Fair. This unique partnership with DWP started 3 years ago and has helped to deliver additional support and develop projects to enhance all services to businesses and job seekers, especially in some of our most deprived areas, including Jaywick.

This year's Careers Fair is taking place on Tuesday 4th October, from 10.00am to 4.00pm here in the Princes Theatre. Last year's event attracted nearly 2,000 visitors. There were a total of over 700 jobs available and we know that over 100 candidates secured employment as a direct result of that event. Over 75% of the 2016 exhibitors were local employers. This year free transportation is being offered to job seekers from Dovercourt, Harwich and Jaywick to ensure they don't miss out on jobs or training.

We already have over 30 exhibitors committed this year which include Stansted Airport, Marks & Spencer, First Bus Group, Surya Foods & Sainsbury's. Barclays Bank will again

be providing their 'Digital Eagle' services and we are currently in final discussions with a large Training and Apprenticeship provider who will be offering some unusual interactive opportunities.

- *All this has been achieved despite saving £12.5 million from our revenue budget since 2011. But of course Mr Chairman, we certainly cannot afford to rest on our laurels, and **there is much to consider as we look forward:***
- *A further major Capital scheme on Clacton to Holland Seafront, with £5m worth of Cliff Stabilisation Works;*
- *Great opportunities to make the most of the new beaches for the benefit of the people of Tendring;*
- *A Review of the Council by the Local Government Boundary Commission – with a view to reducing the number of Councillors when we next have District Elections – and also an opportunity to examine the governance arrangements for this Authority.*
- *Big decisions to be made as we create and adopt a new Local Plan, so that this Council has control over new housing developments rather than the nightmare scenario of a Westminster-imposed plan with developers being given a free-for-all;*
- *There are choices to be made to achieve major budget savings. Difficult choices. We still need to take £3.5 million off the annual budget by 2019. Let's none of us pretend that we will be able to do that without making some tough decisions;*
- *We are rationalising our office requirements and working far more collaboratively and in partnership, becoming a more flexible and responsive organisation both to ensure better service delivery for our residents and also wherever possible, to save money.*

We will continue to take every opportunity to become a leaner Council and be increasingly self-sufficient. This means delivering more for less and working with partners to provide high quality services.

We are acknowledged as a Council that demonstrates excellence and we can proudly celebrate obtaining the highly prestigious Investors in People Gold Standard. This award recognises that our Council has gone from being an insular local authority to one which is now recognised for outstanding leadership and one of only 5% to receive the Gold Standard. Put simply, this is independent verification that Tendring District Council is one of the very best local authorities in the country. We also held our first 'Tendring Star' staff awards at the end of 2015, recognising some exceptional contributions from staff right across the Council.

But Mr Chairman there is so much more to do. To this end we have identified some key priorities to deliver improvement for our district.

- *Community leadership is key to our residents. As elected representatives our constituents expect us to represent them in all their issues, be it services delivered by Tendring District Council or a host of other issues where we can represent their issues to others. These include health, education and community safety issues. For example, we have, as a Council, called to account representatives of education and health. I believe this work has had a real impact and a positive effect on improvement such as particularly in education. We will ensure that this ethos will continue to underpin our work. Chairman, we will continue to focus on our key priorities of:*
- *Our Council / Our Community
Delivering high quality affordable services, transforming and managing our assets, within*

a balanced budget. Working effectively with partners to support our communities.

- *Health and Housing
Providing a quality living environment and local regeneration to promote healthier lifestyles and wellbeing.*
- *Employment and Enjoyment
Supporting business growth, skills and qualifications to provide better job prospects.
Delivering quality leisure attractions and events.*

And Mr Chairman I want to take a moment to thank all Members of this Authority for the hard work you do on behalf of the residents of Tendring. I particularly want to thank my Cabinet members for all their dedication and hard work and for coming together from different political groups to work together to deliver many of the things I have highlighted and to scrutiny members who have really helped to shape the Council's work and budget. There has also been some excellent cross-party working whether it is in scrutiny, working groups or committees such as the Local Plan Committee. We can all do the politics but working together we can achieve so much more for the District. At the end of the day, despite whatever political differences we may all have, I am sure that we are all here to make a difference for our communities and to improve the lives of our residents.

And so to conclude

Mr Chairman, we face unprecedented challenges in the coming year, not least those imposed upon us by Government in the form of savage funding cuts, but we can be reassured:

- *By the firm-footing we have established as a Council dedicated to meeting the needs of our District;*
- *By the excellent and committed Officers who continue to go above and beyond to support us;*
- *By an established, consistent and fair approach to making big decisions irrespective of political affiliations; and*
- *By the support of strong partnerships developed across the County.*

So Mr Chairman I urge all Members to carry on contributing positively to addressing the problems and issues the Council faces in this coming year. It will be difficult and some decisions will be hard but we cannot shy away from them. This Council has always been at its best when facing its greatest challenges; if we continue to think big in our ambitions, be resolute in the face of adversity and never stop believing in what we are doing then I have no doubts that this Council will continue to be one of the very best in the Country."

Councillors I J Henderson, Everett, Scott, Bray and Newton all addressed the Council during the debate on the Statement.

119. PETITIONS TO COUNCIL

There were none on this occasion.

120. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 9

Subject to the required notice being given, members of the public could ask questions of the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.

There were none on this occasion.

121. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.2

The Council had received a question from a Member in relation to the maintenance of roads into, and out of, Clacton-on-Sea.

Notice of the question had been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.2.

Question

From Councillor A Pemberton to Councillor N Turner, Coastal Protection Portfolio Holder:

“What was the point in spending £37 million on sea defences when the first thing people see when entering Clacton and Tendring is craters in the road? Wouldn't it have been more prudent to encourage Essex County Council to repair the road? This would enable visitors to enjoy the scenic views and the new beaches with the sound of waves lapping the beach with their children laughing having a fantastic day? Instead we can see children crying and bored seeing ramps and overalls in a repair centre with the deafening sound of air powered tools as the punctures, springs and suspensions of their vehicles are being repaired due to the damage received attempting to get to our advertised new beaches. The roads in and out of Clacton advertise our town more than the £37 million pound beach because they are the first thing you see, if you see pot holes the size of bin lids continuously down the road you aren't going to risk £50 on tyres or £100 on shock absorbers to go and spend more money on car repairs to facilitate a day on the beach. Instead potential visitors are going to get straight on the A12 join the A14 at Copdock and either end up in Felixstowe or Great Yarmouth. After all the money spent on diesel will be less than the cost of damage to their car caused by a day out to Clacton.

Will the Portfolio Holder use his influence on Essex County Council to get our roads mended before it puts people off coming here for the summer?”

Councillor Turner responded as follows: “Yes!”

Supplementary Question from Councillor Pemberton

“Could he also agree that while the roads are in a terrible state with the lack of maintenance and repairs to street furniture it could leave a negative impact on our tourism economy? Would you also agree a possible solution would be to ask the Highways Panel that meets on Thursday to utilise its Rangers to put some of the more visual problems while we wait for Essex County Council?”

The Local Highways Panel has a budget of £130,000 for the Highways Panel to use. The Highways Rangers cover work across the Council that is too small to give to a contractor to raise the appearance of the area.”

Councillor Turner responded as follows:

“Thank you for your supplementary question Councillor Pemberton. Yes, is the answer again and I would also like to draw your reasoning to the point of spending less than £33million of public money on new sea defences for 5kms of coastline from Holland Haven to Clacton Pier and bringing it in 2 years ahead of schedule and 8% under budget was to protect the area behind that 5kms for the next 100 years and more. The beaches are a by-product of those defences. The rock revetments/arms are there to keep the beaches in place. The beaches are a soft defence. The sea wall is a hard defence, that is no longer tenable, costs too much to maintain and new long-term hard defences are not deliverable.

The solution is a soft defence. The sea's energy is enormous and to dissipate that a good beach is perfect. The beach also has a second life as a playground for us.

Always be aware that those beaches are there for the primary reason of protecting Holland-on-Sea and Clacton-on-Sea up to the Pier, thus saving 3,000+ homes, many businesses, all our infrastructure, roads, pavements, sewers (which is why we have been part funded by Essex County Council and Anglian Water), the other utilities (Telecoms Water, Gas and Electricity. We are attempting to get them to cough up monies for our ongoing cliff stabilisation projects.

So I thank you for your question Councillor Pemberton, and a heads up to you, never ask a question you don't know the answer to."

122. REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council would receive a report on any Cabinet decisions taken as a matter of urgency in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.4, Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rule 6(b) and/or Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 18(i).

There was no report on this occasion.

123. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Stock, seconded by Councillor Turner and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following Committees, as circulated, be received and noted:

- (a) Education and Skills Committee of Monday 1 February 2016;
- (b) Corporate Management Committee of Monday 15 February 2016;
- (c) Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee of Monday 22 February 2016;
- (d) Council Tax Committee of Wednesday 24 February 2016;
- (e) Service Development and Delivery Committee of Monday 7 March 2016; and
- (f) Standards Committee of Monday 14 March 2016.

124. MOTION TO COUNCIL – PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE COUNCIL'S COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES IN RESPECT OF THE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Council had before it the following motion, notice of which had been given by Councillor Amos, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11:

- “(a) That this Council resolves that, with effect from the 2016/2017 Municipal Year, at the ordinary meeting of the Council at which the Council's Budget and Council Tax is approved and set no other significant business will be included on the Agenda of that meeting;*
- (b) That, consequently, the Council's Constitution be amended by the insertion of a new “Council Procedure 2 – Budget and Council Tax Setting Meeting of the Council” and that the subsequent Council Procedure Rules be renumbered accordingly and that all necessary textual amendments be made thereto;*
- (c) That the wording of the new Council Procedure Rule 2 – Budget and Council Tax Setting be as follows:*

“At the relevant ordinary meeting of the Council when the Council’s Budget and Council Tax is approved and set no business except that identified below will be included on the Agenda of the Budget and Council Tax Setting Meeting and all other Council Procedure Rules shall be construed accordingly. The Budget and Council Tax Setting Meeting shall:

- (i) Receive apologies for absence;*
- (ii) Elect a person to preside if the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council are not present;*
- (iii) Deal with any business required by Statute to be dealt with before any other business;*
- (iv) Approve the minutes of the last meeting;*
- (v) Receive any announcements from the Chairman and/or the Chief Executive and any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or members of the Cabinet;*
- (vi) Approve and set the Council’s Budget and Council Tax;*
- (vii) Deal with any business remaining from the last Council meeting; and*
- (viii) Consider any Urgent Matters for Debate*

Matters which are not on the agenda and which a Member considers should be reported urgently to the Council may, with the consent of, and in a form approved by, the Chairman, be brought before the meeting by way of a short written statement which shall be read by the Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer or Monitoring Officer, as part of his or her reports and communications. The Member concerned may, by leave of the Chairman, speak on the statement and move a motion unless advised otherwise by the Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer or Monitoring Officer.

(d) That the Council’s Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary alterations and amendments to the Constitution to give effect to the above.”

Councillor Amos formally moved his motion and Councillor Honeywood formally seconded the motion.

The Chairman informed Council that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.4, he would allow the motion to be dealt with at this meeting.

Councillors Everett, Calver, Bray, I J Henderson, Howard and Stock all addressed the Council during the debate on the Motion.

Councillor Stock moved by way of an amendment and Councillor Watling seconded that Councillor Amos’ motion be referred to the Corporate Management Committee for its consideration and report back to Council.

Councillors Talbot, Griffiths, G V Guglielmi, Honeywood, Steady, Cossens, Scott, Bray, Calver, I J Henderson, Miles and Amos all addressed the Council during the debate on the Amendment.

Councillor Stock’s amendment, on being put to the vote, was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Stock’s amendment, on being put to the vote as a substantive motion, was declared CARRIED.

125. MOTION TO COUNCIL – EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM

The Council had before it the following motion, notice of which had been given by Councillor Porter, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11:

“Due to the negative impact that EU directives such as the agency working time directive, the EU procurement rules and the EU waste framework directive have on the ability and

cost of Tendring District Council to fulfill its obligations, this Council agrees that Britain would be better off outside the European Union.”

Members were aware from Minute 114 above, that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.2, Councillor Porter had given notice in writing that he had withdrawn his motion.

Council noted the foregoing.

126. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET – PROPOSED MERGER OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

The Council had before it the recommendations submitted to it by the Cabinet in respect of the proposed merger of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee and the Education and Skills Committee [Minute 157 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 March 2016 referred.]

It was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi that:

- (a) the Education and Skills Committee be formally disbanded with effect from 25 April 2016;
- (b) the terms of reference of the Education and Skills Committee, which relate to the Council's community leadership role in respect of improving the aspiration and attainment of young people in the District, be transferred to the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee with effect from the Annual Meeting of the Council on 26 April 2016;
- (c) also with effect from the Annual Meeting of the Council on 26 April 2016, the establishment of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee be increased from eight Members to eleven Members; and
- (d) the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make all necessary alterations and amendments to the Council's Constitution to give effect to the above.

Councillors Bucke, I J Henderson, Scott, Bennison, Fairley, Miles and Stock all addressed the Council during the debate on the Motion.

Councillor Guglielmi's motion, on being put to the vote, was declared CARRIED.

127. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET – ANNUAL TREASURY STRATEGY 2016/2017

The Council had before it the recommendations submitted to it by the Cabinet in respect of the proposed merger of the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2016/2017 [Minute 159 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 March 2016 referred.]

It was moved by Councillor Howard and **RESOLVED** that the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2016/2017 (including Prudential and Treasury Indicators), be approved and implemented.

128. REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL BY AN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were none on this occasion.

129. FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL GROUP ON TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chief Executive formally reported that, on 21 March 2016, Councillor Peter

Cawthron and Councillor Alex Porter, pursuant to Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, had served formal notice on the Council that they wished to be treated as a political group. The name of the political group was Leave The EU Group. The Leader of the Leave The EU Group was Councillor Peter Cawthron and Councillor Alex Porter was the deputy Group Leader.

In accordance with Section 15(1)(e) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Regulation 17(b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 a review of the allocation of seats to political groups would now be carried out. The outcome of that review would be reported to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 26 April 2016.

Council noted the foregoing.

130. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16

Further to minute 14 of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 26 January 2016 the Council gave consideration to a proposed Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 which would meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 (Section 38(1)).

The Chief Executive and Corporate Director (Corporate Services) each declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the meeting during the consideration thereof and the voting thereon.

It was moved by Councillor Callender, seconded by Councillor Stock and:-

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Pay Policy Statement 2016/17, as set out in the Appendix to item A.2 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), be adopted with immediate effect; and
- (b) the costs of applying the enhanced salary payments be met from existing salary/vacancy provision within budgets.

131. URGENT MATTERS FOR DEBATE – URGENT NEED FOR ROAD SAFETY MEASURES ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE A133 FROM WEELEY TO CLACTON-ON-SEA

Members were informed that the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Nicholls, had decided that, pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12(q), the following Motion submitted by Councillor M Brown could be considered at this meeting as an urgent matter on the grounds of the recent fatalities on the A133 and ensuring the safety of the travelling public.

“That this Council –

- *Is appalled that another serious accident has occurred on the A133 on the Weeley and Little Clacton by-pass last week leading to another fatality. In the last ten months there have been a total of 5 fatalities;*
- *Demands that the Highways Agency take urgent action to immediately reduce the speed limit and introduce such other safety measures as are possible; and*
- *Calls on the County Council and local Members of Parliament to support this motion and to do everything possible to ensure that the A133 Weeley and Little Clacton by-pass is made safe for all road users.”*

Councillor M Brown formally moved the motion and Councillor Bray seconded the

motion.

Councillors Heaney, Howard, Porter and Stock all addressed the Council during the debate on the Motion.

Councillor Stock moved by way of an amendment and Councillor G V Guglielmi seconded that the second bullet point of Councillor Brown's motion be amended to read as follows:

“Demands that the Highways Authority take urgent action to investigate the causes of these accidents and implement all, and any, safety measures as soon as practicable.”

Pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 15.6 and with the consent of both the meeting and his seconder, Councillor Brown altered his motion and incorporated therein Councillor Stock's amendment.

Councillor M Brown's motion, as amended, was declared CARRIED.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.49 pm.

Chairman