

TOWN HALL AND PREMISES COMMITTEE

15th June 2021 at 6.50pm – Council Chamber

Minutes

PRESENT: Cllr Coakley Cllr Gold, Cllr Tolman, Cllr Long (Chair), Cllr Moore, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Smith, Cllr Stentiford, Cllr Tagg (Portreeve), Cllr Watson

Members of the Public: None

Officers: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Operations Manager

1. ELECTION PROCEDURE

It was proposed by Cllr Tagg, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed to suspend Standing Order 9b in order for a written ballot to take place should there be two or more nominations (7 support, 3 against)

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Long was nominated by Cllr Gold and seconded by Cllr Smith
Cllr Moore was nominated by Cllr Tagg and seconded by Cllr Coakley

Two nominations were received so a written ballot took place.

Cllr Moore won the written ballot and was elected as Chair for the municipal year 2021/2022.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Long was nominated by Cllr Coakley and seconded by Cllr Moore
Cllr Tolman was nominated by Cllr Tagg and seconded by Cllr Watson

Two nominations were received so a written ballot took place.

The result of the written ballot was tied so the Chair, Cllr Moore, took the casting vote.

Cllr Long won the tie and was elected as Vice Chair for the municipal year 2021/2022.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

As per the first Full Council meeting of the new Council since the elections, all Councillors are currently members of the Town Hall and Premises Committee.

No withdrawals

5. APOLOGIES

None

6. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of 4th April 2021.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Tagg and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

7. MATTERS ARISING

None

8. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

None

9. DISPENSATIONS – To consider any requests for dispensations.

None

10. FOR DECISION - To discuss any urgent issues concerning the PANDEMIC and implications of the LOCK DOWN in relation solely to the Town Hall & Premises.

The Clerk recommend that the Town Hall continue to open for hirers of the facility but that the Town Council office remain closed until the full lifting of lockdown. Once the new Administrator has taken up post at the beginning of July, the telephone lines can resume back to normal service but fully opening the office should be delayed until after 19th July.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Tagg and unanimously agreed to follow the Town Clerk's recommendations.

11. FOR DECISION – To receive the responses from the Town Market traders as to how many can attend, providing their own gazeboes in

August, September and October. Based on the responses to then decide how to proceed.

A lengthy discussion took place as to whether restarting of the market should take place in August or if it should be postponed following the delaying of the lifting of lockdown. It was also discussed if the market should be held indoors or outdoors. Holding an indoor market might mean more traders could attend but may put off customers. The OM reported that the weekly Country Market had restarted again in the Town Hall and had encountered no problems. Traders had been consulted about attending an outdoor market, bringing their own gazebos. Although approximately 10 traders said they would attend, those without their own gazebo said they would not attend.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Tagg and agreed to restart the market in August, outdoors, with traders bringing their own gazebos. (7 support, 3 against)

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.15pm