

Town Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th July 2023

- 23-24-FC2-01** Present:-
Councillors Gill Burnett-Faulkner, Cressida Dickens, Christine Duffy, Sylvia Dymond, Andrew Gould, Dave Grocott, Kevin Johnson, Vic Jukes, Jason Owen, Craig Skelding, Loren Skelding, Mike Stubbs, Ray Tait and Paul Waring (Chair)
- In attendance:-
Hannah Marr (Town Clerk)
- 23-24-FC2-02** To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Councillors Dave Allport, Steve Gallimore, Mary Maxfield, Jill Waring and Amy Wood
- 23-24-FC2-03** To receive declarations of Members' interests
No declarations were made
- 23-24-FC2-04** To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
Members **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting
- 23-24-FC2-05** Public Participation
John Honeysett made a request to Council to object to the proposed closure of the Ticket Office at Kidsgrove Train Station
Members **resolved** that the Chair would formally write to the local train operating company to highlight the concerns raised and to formally object against the proposed closure
It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow for public participation to be extended
Dave Waterhouse provided Members with an update relating to the forthcoming K19 performance
- 23-24-FC2-06** To receive and approve the schedule of payments for the period covering 1st April 2023 and 30th June 2023
It was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments
- 23-24-FC2-07** To receive the Councils year to date financial position
The Councils year to date financial position was noted
- 23-24-FC2-07** To receive recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee:-
- To receive and note the Councils Internal Audit Report for the financial year ended 31st March 2023
 - To approve opening an investment account with CCLA
 - To approve the payment of the annual Service Charge for Victoria Hall to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
 - To approve the adoption of the following policies as recommended by the Committee:-

- Community Engagement Policy
- Cookie Policy
- Document Management Policy
- Equal Opportunity and Diversity Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- General Privacy Notice
- Health and Safety Policy
- Information Security Policy
- Internet, Email and Social Media Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- To approve the below contractors as recommended by the Committee following the recent tender and quotation process:-
 - Christmas Lights – NPT Electrical
 - Victoria Hall Contract Cleaning – SJ Cleaning Services
 - Sundry Cleaning Supplies - Initial
 - Telephone and Broadband – SM Computer Solutions Ltd
 - Cellar Cooling – AMG Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Ltd

It was **resolved** to approve the recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

23-24-FC2-08 To consider matters related to the Miners Memorial

Councillor Dymond provided Members with an update relating to the Miners Memorial

It was **resolved** to purchase a plaque to be placed at Talke Pits Village Hall and to contribute to an unveiling ceremony

23-24-FC2-09 To consider matters related to the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Waring provided Members with an update following a recently meeting with Urban Vision

It was **resolved** to request that Urban Vision attends a future meeting of Council to discuss matters in more detail

23-24-FC2-10 To consider a resolution under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and representatives of the press from the meeting during the discussion of the next item on the grounds that matters contain sensitive information and by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted

It was resolved to exclude the public and representatives of the press from the meeting

23-24-FC2-11 To consider matters related to the Terms of Reference for the Staffing Committee

It was **resolved** to approve the new Terms of Reference for the Staffing Committee

It was further **resolved** to appoint Councillor Burnett-Faulkner to the Staffing Committee

23-24-FC2-12 To consider matters related to staffing

Councillors Johnson and Waring provided an update to Members

It was **resolved** that an invoice submitted by WorkNest relating to services provided be paid

23-24-FC2-13 To consider the date of the next meeting – Thursday 21st September 2023

The date of the next meeting was noted