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MINUTES
of the Extraordinary Full Council
held online on Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 7pm

Membership:

Cllr Brett (East)	*	Cllr Macfarlane (West)	A
Cllr Davis (East)	*	Cllr Nicklin (West)	*
Cllr Doyle (East)	A	Cllr Pitcher (Broadway)	*
Cllr Fraser (West)	*	Cllr Ridout (West)	A
Cllr Fryer, (Broadway)	*	Cllr Robbins (East) Chairman of Council and Mayor	*
Cllr Jeffries, (Copheap) Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor	*	Cllr Spender (Broadway)	A
Cllr Keeble (Broadway)	*		

Key: * Present **A** Apologies **AB** Absent

Officers: Fiona Fox (Town Clerk and RFO) Tom Dommett, (Assistant Town Clerk), Judith Halls, (Office Manager)

Online Meeting Attendees: 1 Attendees

FC/20/139 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Doyle, Macfarlane, Ridout and Spender. Cllr Fraser had notified the committee that she might be late.

FC/20/140 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nicklin declared an interest on agenda item 5, Athenaeum Centre for the Community as he is Chairman of the Athenaeum Trust. Cllr Robbins declared an interest on agenda item 5, as a town council representative on the Athenaeum Centre for the Community. They would therefore remain in the meeting and take part in discussion but not vote. Cllr Fraser declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5, she would remain in the meeting and vote.

FC/20/141 Questions

None.

FC/20/142 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Cllr Brett joined the meeting.

Cllr Pitcher joined the meeting.

Cllr Fraser joined the meeting.

FC/20/143 Athenaeum Centre for the Community

The Athenaeum Centre for the Community had requested financial support from the town council to help the Athenaeum secure lottery funding for its improvement plans. To secure Lottery Funding requires the Athenaeum to buy in professional support. This includes quantity surveyor reports and architectural plans up to a detailed stage. The cost of professional reports totals £50,000, with the first stage costing £10,000. A letter and report from the Athenaeum was considered by the Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee members resolved to recommend that Full Council support the request for a £10,000 payment to the Athenaeum and that the payment should come from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds.

Minute FA/20/078 refers.

Cllr Brett proposed members resolve to support the request for a £10,000 payment to the Athenaeum and that the payment should come from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund, seconded Cllr Jeffries voting 7 in favour 2 abstentions, no votes against.

FC/20/144 Central Warminster Regeneration

Both the Town Development Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee have considered a report about how to progress regeneration of the central car park area. **Minutes TD/20/050 and FA/20/081 refers.**

Members have taken the view that they will only progress the town councils' aspirations for the area in the vicinity of the Library and the Community Hub Building, if the council has professional plans and illustrations setting out the proposals. These documents can then be used to progress the ideas and secure support from other organisations.

Wiltshire Council has recognised that, following a year of unprecedented challenges, towns throughout the county will need support to help them recover. They have set up a £4m fund made up of £1m a year for the next four years, to support Market Towns to aid their recovery from Covid19. The criteria for use of the fund will be determined by Wiltshire Council in 2021/22.

The Finance and Audit Committee resolved that the Clerk write to Wiltshire Council to lodge the town councils' interest in the new fund.

The Finance and Audit Committee resolved to recommend the request for up to £10,000 to fund professional plans and illustrations of the town councils' aspirations for the area in the vicinity of the Library and the Community Hub Building to Full Council but the Committee did not identify where this should be funded from.

Cllr Jeffries proposed members resolve to support the request for up to £10,000 for professional plans and illustrations setting out the town councils' aspirations for the area in the vicinity of the Library and the Community Hub Building, and that the funding should come from general reserves, seconded Cllr Brett, voting unanimous in favour.

FC/20/0145 Communications

Due to it being a pre-election period, members asked for a general note of the two decisions made with no councillor reference or spokesman.

Meeting closed at 7:30