

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandbach Town Council held on 3 August 2017 at 9.25pm at Sandbach Town Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors: R Hovey (Deputy Mayor in the Chair)
K Southwell
M Muldoon
M Benson
B Moran
S Corcoran
G Merry
A Smith
S Kirkham
C Lowe
S Ashcombe-Hurt

Also present were three members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor B Davies
M Forster
R Wait
K Haines

Absent without apologies:
Councillors

J Cartlidge
Geraint Price-Jones
P Eaton
R Hoffmann
M Lea-O'Mahoney

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: that item 5 be considered with the exclusion of public and press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as it is considered

commercially sensitive; disclosure at this time could put the Council and the Residents of Sandbach at a financial disadvantage.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

RESOLVED: that Standing Order 7 is suspended to allow amendments to be made which may be in conflict with resolutions of Council that have been carried over the past six months.

Finance Policy and Governance Committee

Lead: Chairman of Finance Policy and Governance

The draft Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were reviewed at a meeting of the F,P&G Committee held immediately prior to this extraordinary Council Meeting. Changes to both documents had been agreed for recommendation to Council by F,P&G Committee; members were asked if they needed to be advised of these changes before considering further.

It was proposed and seconded that both 'amended' documents were adopted with immediate effect. Due to the absence of a number of Councillors, in particular the Chair of the Lessons Learned Review Sub-Committee and in view of the changes being proposed by the F,P&G Committee, it was requested that the item be deferred to Council when it meets on 21 September.

Standing Order Review

RESOLVED: that the review of Standing Orders be deferred to the next meeting of Council on 21 September 2017.

Financial Regulations Review

RESOLVED: that the review of Financial Regulations be deferred to the next meeting of Council on 21 September 2017.

At this point members of the public and press were asked to leave the meeting.

5. **OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

Lead: Cllr Hovey

Cllr Moran declared a disclosable, non-pecuniary interest as a member of CEC in the interest of openness and transparency. He did not take part in the debate.

The Lead Councillor outlined the current position regarding the Office Accommodation Project. He advised that a building had become available within the Town, which the Working Group felt should be viewed as a viable option. To determine if the building should be further considered, a valuation is required, which will cost £600 plus VAT. Approval was sought to release £600 of committed funds for this purpose.

RESOLVED: that £600 be transferred from Committed Reserves to budget for the valuation to be undertaken.

6. **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.00pm at the Sandbach Literary Institution. Please note that this date

is in addition to the previously advertised calendar of meetings.

Meeting closed: 9.53pm

Cllr R Hovey, Deputy Town Mayor

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