

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sandbach Town Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th March 2022 at 7.00pm, in Sandbach Town Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors: G Price Jones (Mayor)
K Flavell (Deputy Mayor)
L Crane
S Broad
N Cook
R Hovey
A Nevitt
A Smith
N Adams
J Beddows
M Muldoon
D Hegarty

Also present were the Locum Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and six members of the public and press.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Corcoran
S Crane
G Merry

Absent without apologies: S Kirkham
R Hoffmann
P Eaton
K Seymour

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was adjourned to allow questions from members of the public and press in attendance.

Speaker 1.

Referenced environmental climate change and encouraged Members to include stronger reference and goals for effective climate related strategies within the draft Corporate Strategy document.

The resident was thanked and encouraged to feedback views through the consultation process.

There being no questions, following the minute's reflection for the people of Ukraine, the meeting was reconvened.

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

Resolved: That item 6 be considered with the exclusion of the public and press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to reference to individuals.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY.

Amendment was requested to include reference to Locum Clerk agreement to draft a consultation/engagement policy.

Resolved: Subject to amendment above, the minutes of the meeting held 9 February 2022 are agreed as a true record.

5. DRAFT CORPORATE STRATEGY

[Attached: Draft Corporate Strategy]

Lead: The Mayor

It was confirmed that the draft document, as presented, had been formed following outcomes of discussion sessions to which all Members were invited.

The public consultation is proposed to launch at the Annual Town Meeting, 23 March, for 6 weeks and will include advertising via website, social media, leaflet and display in the library to obtain essential public input and feedback.

It was requested that the Cemetery be referenced within the draft; text will be submitted to the Locum Clerk for inclusion.

Resolved: That:-

- i) Subject to tracked changes being submitted to the Locum Clerk, the draft document is approved for consultation.
- ii) Public consultation will launch 23 March at the Town Meeting and close 15th May 2022.

6. TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO CHALC

Lead: The Mayor

Discussed during closed session of the meeting.

Resolved: That:-

- i) Payment of the ChALC invoice for £11,102 is approved.
- ii) The remaining ChalC invoice of up to £8,000 is approved.

- iii) Provision of these services and associated costs are funded through virement from the 2021-22 underspent salaries budget.

7. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 7pm in Sandbach Town Hall.

Meeting Closed 8.00pm

Cllr G Price Jones, Mayor

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