



## SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Full Council held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013** at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber.

Present: Cllr Pritchard (Chairman) Cllr Harvey (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Cook Cllr Dibben  
Cllr Hicks Cllr Lewer  
Cllr Lewer Cllr Pestell  
Cllr Proctor Cllr Thompson  
Cllr Toms

In attendance: Mrs Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)

### Public Consultation

There were no members of public present to speak.

### 2013/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

### 2013/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were provided with the opportunity under the Localism Act 2011 to declare any pecuniary interests or dispensations to participate in the meeting. There were none.

### 2013/22 ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013

2013/22.A. The Internal Auditors report had been circulated to members for consideration for adoption. An additional email from the Internal Auditor confirming no matters requiring the attention of the councillors was read out. Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Lewer **SECONDED** and it was:

**RESOLVED** to adopt the Internal Auditor's report year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. (*Policy 0613/FC/22A*) (*Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006*)

2013/22.B. The accounting statement year ending the 31st March 2013 had been circulated to members. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Dibben, **SECONDED** by Cllr Lewer and:

**RESOLVED:** To approve and adopt the Town Council accounting statement year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 (*Policy no 0613/FC/23B*) (*Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006*)

2013/22.C. Following consideration of the Annual Governance Statement year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Dibben, **SECONDED** by Cllr Cook and:

**RESOLVED:** To confirm, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement and complete and sign the Annual Return. (*Policy no 0613/FC/23C*) (*Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006*)

2013/22.D. Members received formal notification of the resignation of the Internal Auditor. The resignation was accepted and a formal vote of thanks was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Pritchard, **SECONDED** by Cllr Thompson and unanimously:

**RESOLVED** to record a vote of thanks for the work of the Internal Auditor (*Policy no 0613/FC/23D*)

### **2013/23 TOWN CRIER SERVICES 2013 / 2014**

Members considered the Town Crier services, considering whether the position should be employed or self-employed and the events the post holder would be expected to attend. Cllr Proctor **PROPOSED**, Cllr Lewer **SECONDED** that the release of funds for the Town Crier services for 2013 / 2014 is released. The motion fell (2 in favour, 7 against, 1 abstention).

Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Pestell **SECONDED** and it was unanimously **AGREED** to:

**REFER** to the Administration and Liaison Committee the appropriate employment status of the role of the Town Crier following investigation into what other towns did in this respect and the services the Town Crier was expected to undertake.

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

### **2013/24 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr Pritchard spoke of a meeting which was held earlier that day with NDDC in relation to the swimming pool and that it had been a very productive and positive meeting. Cllr Thompson requested that it be recorded that he was very angry that the meeting had taken place without him being present. There was considerable discussion about previous meetings relating to the pool and the current position of Shaftesbury Leisure Limited having surrendered the lease on the pool. Cllr Pritchard presented a proposed letter to NDDC confirming that Shaftesbury Town Council supported the opening of Shaftesbury Swimming Pool as an open air facility for the 2013 season and confirmed that it held up to £25,000 that could be used towards to provision of this facility and that NDDC could apply for the drawdown of some of this money. Cllr Pritchard **PROPOSED**, Cllr Proctor **SECONDED** and it was **AGREED** to issue the letter as detailed above to NDDC.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:25pm