



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a reconvened meeting of Full Council held on **Tuesday 25th March 2014** at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber.

Present:

Cllr Pritchard (Chairman)

Cllr Harvey (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Proctor

Cllr Dibben

Cllr Clinch

Cllr R Tippins

Cllr K Tippins

Cllr Lewer

Cllr Madgwick

In attendance:

Mrs Barbara Carter (Acting Deputy Town Clerk)

Mrs Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)

5 members of the public

MINUTES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

2014/40 Apologies for Absence

- a) The Mayor reported that he had received a letter of resignation as town councillor from Mr Tim Cook. Apologies were received from Cllr Hicks due to vacation and Cllr Pestell due to a conflicting engagement.
- b) Apologies from Cllrs Hicks and Pestell were accepted.

2014/41 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations to participate

- a) Members were provided with the opportunity under the Localism Act 2011 to declare any pecuniary interests or dispensations to participate in the meeting.
- b) The Clerk had not received any dispensation requests not previously considered.

2014/42 Appointments to Committees and Outside Organisations

Members considered vacancies on the General Management Committee, Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee and the Planning and Highways Committee. Cllr Pritchard **PROPOSED**, Cllr Lewer **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mike Madgwick join the General Management Committee, Cllr Karen Tippins join the Planning and Highways Committee and the Recreation, Environment and Open Spaces Committee and Cllr Win Harvey join the Planning and Highways Committee. (*Policy 0314/FC/42a*)

Members considered representation to Local Organisations. Cllr Pritchard **PROPOSED**, Cllr Proctor **SECONDED** and it was:

RESOLVED that the following representations be made:

DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils)	Cllrs Pestell, Madgwick and K Tippins
Neighbourhood Plan	Cllrs R Tippins and K Tippins
Shaftesbury In Bloom	Cllr Hicks, Madgwick and K Tippins

(Policy 0314/FC/42b)

2014/43 Confidential Information

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Pritchard, **SECONDED** by Cllr Harvey and unanimously **RESOLVED** to pass a resolution that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press should be excluded from Items 2014/44 as it related to confidential matters as detailed in category 1 of Article 2.2.7 Access to Information Rules within the town council constitution.

2014/44 Report from Human Resources

The HR Committee reported on its findings following receipt of Appendix B. It was reported that the content was predominantly the matter of a previously received staff complaint and the committee sought dispensation from Full Council to investigate the content further. Cllr Tippins **PROPOSED**, Cllr Madgwick **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that the Human Resources Committee meet with the councillors referred to as ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ and ‘E’ in the report to discuss the concerns raised by staff and allow the opportunity to put their version of events. *(Policy 0314/FC/44a)*

Cllr Madgwick **PROPOSED**, Cllr Tippins **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that Full Council requires the Human Resources Committee to investigate the interim internal report and report its findings back to Full Council. *(Policy 0314/FC/44b)*

The HR Committee reported on complaints received by the Town Council. Cllr Tippins **PROPOSED**, Cllr Madgwick **SECONDED** and it was:

RESOLVED that the Human Resources Committee investigate three letters of complaint with the co-operation of all councillors. *(Policy 0314/FC/44c)*

2014/45 Recommendations

A recommendation from the General Management Committee meeting of the 4th March 2014 was received. Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED**, Cllr Dibben **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED to engage a locum Town Clerk on a temporary basis for the period of the Town Clerk’s absence and as deemed appropriate. *(Policy 0314/FC/45)(Statutory Authority – LGA1972 s112) (Budgetary Provision – Staffing)*

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.