



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Thursday 13th November 2014 commencing at 6:00pm.

Members Present:

Cllr W Harvey (Mayor)

Cllr L Dibben

Cllr M Hicks

Cllr S Clinch

Cllr J Duthie

Cllr M Madgwick

Absent:

Cllr J Lewer (apologies)

Cllr S Pritchard (apologies)

Cllr K Tippins (apologies)

Cllr J Pestell (apologies)

Cllr P Proctor (apologies)

Cllr R Tippins (apologies)

Officers Present:

Richard Chapman Interim Town Clerk

Claire Commons, Acting Committee Services Officer

In Attendance:

DCllr G Jefferson

11 Members of the public

MINUTES

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being filmed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to make representations to Shaftesbury Town Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. The Mayor informed the meeting that the meeting was being filmed. The following matters were raised:

- Commonwealth Flag. That it was scheduled for delivery to the Town Hall shortly. That he had sent boxes of toys to service children.
- Football Club. Members of the football club reported that they were still in negotiations with the Clerk regarding the lease and requested that a peppercorn rent be applied instead of the current offer put by the Clerk.
- Financial Control and Governance. Statements were put regarding finances of the Council and questions asked about the governance surrounding them. It was asked to consider the agenda items carefully.
- Councillor Conduct. Questions were asked regarding councillor conduct and in particular in relation to statements placed on social media.

2014/98 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lewer; ill health, Cllr Pestell; away on business and Cllrs K & R Tippins; vacation. Apologies were not accepted from Cllr Pritchard; attending Chamber of Commerce meeting as he had resigned from representative

to that organisation. Apologies were not accepted from Cllr Proctor who had said he would attend until just after 7pm due to attending an Abbey Lecture as Council representative to the Abbey.

2014/99 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members and staff were reminded of their duty to declare any known interests in any matter to be considered. There were none declared.

2014/100 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members' Questions MQ 1114/FC/03 was received and the answers contained therein noted. Cllr Madgwick, as the member putting the question was invited to put any supplementary questions. It was asked who called the meeting and responded that the meeting request appeared to have come from the offices of Proctor Watts Cole and Rutter. It was **AGREED** to deal with issues arising from these questions under the next item of business.

2014/101 COUNCILLOR CONDUCT

The Town Clerk's report 1114/FC/04 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Town Clerk to investigate the six areas outlined in the report and seek appropriate legal advice on its findings. (*Policy 1114/FC/101*)

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked members and public for attendance and closed the meeting at 6:52pm.