



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held online via Zoom on Tuesday, 02 June 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Members Present

Councillor Cook (Chair)
Councillor Lewer
Councillor Hollingshead
Councillor Tippins
Councillor Brown

Councillor Loader
Councillor Yeo
Councillor Welch
Councillor Proctor
Councillor Chase

Absent:

Councillor Hall

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Brie Logan, Business Manager
1 member of the press
35 members of the public

MINUTES

Councillor Cook informed the participants that the meeting was being recorded. Councillor Yeo informed the Chair he was recording the meeting. The Press advised the Clerk via the message facility that he was recording the meeting.

Public Participation

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern.

- A published statement was read out by the Chair of the Chamber of Commerce.
- A member of the public asked if the mayor was staying on for the 2020/2021 period. *Cllr Cook explained the postponement of the Annual Meeting and a future meeting will be held to decide the mayoralty arrangements for 2020/2021.*
- A further question stated the unbiased and impartial role of Mayor why he signed the Notice of Motion supporting the proposed resolution. *Cllr Cook responded to inform the member of the public that he was not participating in the vote.*
- A member of the public raised five questions and these were read and the answers were provided after each question as follows:

1. The last meeting was postponed at short notice; why & how is this meeting now proceeding? *Meeting was called as per the LGA 1972 legislation*
 2. Did Councillors deliberately orchestrate the sudden filling of vacancies on various sub-committees, when Councillor Tippins was overwhelmingly elected, so as to exclude her from membership of any of those sub-committees? *Vacancies were filled democratically in accordance with STC Standing Orders*
 3. Is STC's accusation of bullying by Councillor Tippins (which is Defamation of Character), due to her scrutiny & criticism of the Town Council's procedural shortcomings & obfuscation? *Reasons for the motion are featured on the papers that were published as part of the agenda*
 4. Does STC regularly & deliberately exclude Councillor Tippins from attendance at meetings & information flow to which she is legitimately entitled? *No*
 5. Has Councillor Hollingshead (a retired Police Chief Constable, I understand), wasted police time & resources, (which is an offence), in calling the Police to eject Councillors Tippins & Yeo from a meeting? *No*
- A further question was raised from a member of the public which was not heard at the time as his PC was muted. The question was why are STC trying to hide and avoid scrutiny? Cllr Tippins is holding STC to account. *Cllr Cook thanked the member of the public*

F114 Apologies

No apologies were received

F115 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose. No declaration of interests were received.

F116 Notice of Motion

Prior to discussion on Agenda item 3 Cllr Tippins requested that she read out a Solicitor letter. Clarity was sought from the Town Clerk who confirmed the letter contained personal information so it was her personal choice. The letter was read out.

Cllr Tippins informed the Chair that she would be leaving the meeting at that point.

The Notice of Motion report was report was read out by Cllr Hollingshead as the proposer of the motion.

F116a Shaftesbury Town Council **RESOLVED** that this council has no confidence in Councillor Tippins

F116b Councillor Tippins re-joined the meeting to cast her vote

Proposed by Cllr Hollingshead		
Seconded by Cllr Chase		
In Favour	7	Cllrs Brown, Chase, Lewer, Welch, Hollingshead, Loader, Proctor
Against	2	Cllrs Yeo and Tippins
Abstentions	1	Cllr Cook
MOTION CARRIED		

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.55 pm

Signed

Date

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