



BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S
TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2020

Present: Cllrs, Bailey, B Bayford, J Bayford, R Binks, R. K. Binks, Buckley, Dexter, Garner, P Moore (Chair), W Moore, Parsons, Rawf, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage

Town Clerk: Danielle Dunn

Deputy Town Clerk: Christine Chappell

45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

47 MINUTES

RESOLVED to RECEIVE and APPROVE the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 27th May 2020. Proposed Cllr Dexter, seconded Cllr Savage, agreed.

48 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED to RECEIVE the minutes of the following Committee meetings:
-Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 27th May 2020 (confirmed).
-Planning Committee held on the 1st June 2020 (unconfirmed)

49 QUESTIONS

None

50 COMMUNICATIONS

None

51 PIERREMONT FENCING AND PORTICO RAILINGS

DISCUSSED three quotes were circulated with the Cllrs regarding the supply and installation of estate style fencing in Pierremont Park. This would be used to mark the boundary between the land owned by BSPTC and the land owned by TDC. (fencing was required for the wedding and alcohol licence for Pierremont Hall.)

RESOLVED to DELEGATE to the Town Clerk the decision on which contractor to supply and install the estate fencing at Pierremont Hall. Proposed Cllr R. Binks, seconded Cllr R. Dexter, agreed.

DISCUSSED the opportunity to reinstate the railings on the portico of Pierremont Hall. The railings had been removed during WWII, but reinstating them would help improve the health and safety of the rear of the building during events. The opportunity of applying for Heritage Lottery Funding was identified as an opportunity to help fund the project.

RESOLVED that following consultation with the TDC Conservation Officer the events manager could proceed with a listed building application to reinstate the portico railings. Proposed Cllr D. Saunders, seconded Cllr Rawf, agreed.

52 RETORT HOUSE

DISCUSSED an update was provided to the Council regarding the ongoing works at Retort House. This included the following:

-That a potential solution had been established with UKPN which would upgrade the power supply to the building to a three phase supply. This solution had been circulated with TDC for their comments and their response would be reported back.

-Work was ongoing internally, with the installation of alarm, CCTV and the telephone system.

53 ALBION STREET TOILETS

Ref Min: 360 (2019-20 civic year) and 15 (2020-21 civic year)

DISCUSSED that the Town Council was in receipt of the Albion Street car park survey, which had been circulated by TDC for information purposes only.

RESOLVED to proceed with the purchase of the Albion Street toilets from Thanet District Council. Proposed Cllr Buckley, seconded Cllr Bailey, agreed.

DISCUSSED that the potential uses of the Albion Street toilets to be discussed and decided at the next meeting of the Council.

ACTION Town Councillors to think of potential future uses for the facility ready for the next meeting of the Council.

54 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

RESOLVED to RECEIVE the internal auditors report for the 2019-20 financial year and to note the recommendations, proposed Cllr P. Moore, seconded Cllr R. Binks, agreed.

ACTION the only issue highlighted that required an immediate response was to ensure that staff payscales are adopted annually, not just when a staff member is recruited. (see confidential minute number 58).

55 PLAQUE VICTORIA GARDENS

DISCUSSED it was explained to the Council that the Uncle Mack plaque in Victoria Gardens was owned by TDC and was located on land owned by TDC. Due to the recent Black Lives Matter protests held across the country and in Thanet, the TDC legal team had contacted the Clerk to establish the opinion of the Town Council. The Town Council would not make the final decision on the future of the statue, that would be for TDC to decide, but the Town Council was asked to be a consultee in a similar way that it is for planning applications.

The poor state of the statue and the history of it was discussed.

Three proposals were put before the Council:

Proposal 1: The statue should be removed- proposed Cllr Garner.

Proposal 2: The statue should be removed and placed in storage, so that it was available for future generations should they wish to learn from it- proposed Cllr Rawf.

Proposal 3: The statue should remain in situ and only removed if a petition from residents of Broadstairs & St. Peter's requested its removal- proposed Cllr R. Binks.

A tabled vote was taken at the request of Councillors

Proposal 1: 1 vote (Cllr Garner)

Proposal 2: 6 votes (Cllrs Bailey, B Bayford, J Bayford, Buckley, Dexter, Rawf)

Proposal 3: 8 votes (Cllrs R. Binks, R.K Binks, P. Moore, W. Moore, D. Parsons, D. Saunders, M. Saunders, Savage)

RESOLVED that proposal 3 is submitted to Thanet District Council as the Town Council's opinion on the Uncle Mack statue.

The following item/s were discussed following consideration of a resolution to exclude the press and public under Standing Order 37 and 66.

56 UNIT 2 RETORT HOUSE

Please refer to the confidential minutes.

57 TO DISCUSS REQUESTS FROM TENANTS REGARDING RENTAL DISCOUNTS AND DIVERSIFICATION DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please refer to the confidential minutes

58 PAYSCALES

Please refer to the confidential minutes

The press and public were re-admitted to the meeting

59 PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting 6pm, Wednesday 29th July 2020.

Town Clerk
Meeting closed at 19:55pm

Meeting was recorded: ~~yes~~/no
Members of the public were present: ~~yes~~/no
Members of the press were present: ~~yes~~/no