

### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

# WEDNESDAY 29th JULY 2020

Present: Cllrs, Bailey, B Bayford, J Bayford, R Binks, R. K. Binks, Buckley, Garner,

Parsons, Rawf, D Saunders, M Saunders

Town Clerk: Danielle Dunn

Deputy Town Clerk: Christine Chappell

Events and bookings Manager: Leanne Hadden (left after minute 97)

#### 89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Moore, Cllr W Moore and Cllr Savage.

Cllr Dexter was not in attendance.

## 90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 91 MINUTES

RESOLVED to APPROVE and SIGN the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 24th June 2020. Proposed Cllr R Bailey, seconded Cllr J Bayford, agreed

## 92 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED to RECEIVE the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings:

- -Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 24th June 2020 (confirmed).
- -Community Assets Committee held on 6th July 2020 (unconfirmed).
- -Planning Committee held on 29th June 2020 (unconfirmed).

## 93 QUESTIONS

None

# 94 COMMUNICATIONS

None

### 95 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Ref Min 83: RESOLVED To approve the Calendar of Meetings for the remainder of the Civic Year 2020 to 2021. Proposed Cllr R Binks, seconded Cllr J Bayford, agreed.

## 96 RETORT HOUSE UPDATE

DISCUSSED the Deputy Town Clerk gave a verbal update regarding the ongoing issues and work at Retort House. The following points were raised:

- -The Town Council's insurers had now appointed a loss adjuster to assess the issues and damage to the car park after the trenching work for the initial, abandoned power upgrade.
- -A new solution had been identified to upgrade the power supply to the building, but TDC would not approve the start of this work until the damage to the car park had been resolved.
- -The Deputy Town Clerk continued to work with the commercial tenants of Retort House, who were now hoping to open in September.

## 97 PIERREMONT HALL BUILDINGS UPDATE

DISCUSSED Cllr R Binks as chair of the Community Assets Committee gave an update to the Council regarding the Pierremont Hall Phase II works. This included that work had been delayed by 1-2 weeks due to the unearthing of a power cable and the identification of problems with the proposed foundations of the disabled ramp. The Project Manager and contractors are currently trying to identify a solution for the disabled ramp, but the power cable issue had now been resolved and the contractors were now back on site.

DISCUSSED that there had been problems with anti-social behaviour behind the Music Room, including graffiti and large gatherings 'hanging-out' in the old disused picnic area. The Deputy Town Clerk was currently in the process of obtaining quotes to add an additional security camera to the rear of the Music Room and TDC had been contacted and had agreed to remove the old picnic area furniture.

## 98 ALBION STREET TOILETS

DISCUSSED the potential uses of the Albion Street toilets, following the brain storm of ideas held by the Community Assets Committee (Min Ref: 74). No formal decisions were made on a future use and it was agreed that further discussions needed to be held with TDC regarding the future public toilet provision for the town. It was considered likely that any proposals would need to be mixed use so that a commercial element could help fund the community side.

AGREED To continue with the purchase and defer a decision on the final use of the building, pending discussions with TDC and once more was known about the Covid-19 pandemic.

The following item to be discussed following consideration of a resolution to exclude the press and public under Standing Order 37 & 66

### 99 STAFF RECRUITMENT

Please refer to the confidential minutes

The press and public were allowed to re-admitted to the meeting.

## 100 PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 6pm.

Town Clerk Meeting closed at 19:31pm

Meeting was recorded: <del>yes</del>/no Members of the public were present: yes/no Members of the press were present: <del>yes</del>/no