



BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 29th MAY 2018

PRESENT:

Town Mayor: Cllr. S. Reynolds; Cllrs: J. Brooks, J. Cosgrove,
P. Dillon, D. Enticott, T. Gardiner, S. Goodheart (during Min. 49),
M. Stanley and Mrs. J. Warr

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. G. Frost (Town Clerk)
Mrs. S. Norman (Deputy Clerk)
Mrs. J. Davis (Civic & Office Manager)
Mr. G. Chambers (LCS Ltd.) (Town Council Consultant)

The Meeting opened at 6.32pm

44. WELCOME BY TOWN MAYOR AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor welcomed all those present and read the Council's opening statement. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Cunard who was on annual leave, Cllr. Mrs. Daniells who had a prior engagement, and Cllrs. Batley, Smith and Woodall who were working. Apologies were also received from Cllr. Goodheart who would be arriving late to the meeting.

In the absence of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Dillon acted as Vice-Chairman for the meeting.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and/or Ordinary Interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda

Members and Officers should declare an interest by stating: -

- a) The item they have an interest in
- b) whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary or Ordinary interest
- c) the nature of the interest
- d) if it is an Ordinary interest whether they intend to leave the room for the discussion and vote

e) if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary interest, and therefore must leave the room for the discussion and vote, whether they will be exercising their right to speak on this matter under Public Question Time

They then need to re-declare their interest and the nature of the interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent. They should request that it be recorded in the Minutes that they will leave the meeting and will neither take part in discussion, nor vote on the item.

In accordance with good practice, individual forms were available to those Councillors present in order that they could personally record their interests - both Disclosable Pecuniary and Ordinary. These forms should be returned to the Committee Clerk at the end of the meeting to enable all declarations of interest to be accurately recorded in the Minutes. Members were reminded that it is their responsibility to notify the Monitoring Officer of all Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, not already recorded on their Register of Interests Form, within 28 days.

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46. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

47. TO RESOLVE TO MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS (S.O. 31.1)

The Council **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw (S.O. 31.1) - Agenda items 5 and 6 (contractual).

48. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON OFFICE PROVISION AND AGREE ANY ACTION

Members received and, having been afforded the opportunity to read and appraise themselves of its contents, noted the confidential report from the Town Clerk.

Cllr. Stanley thanked the Town Clerk for the work that had been put into the matters reported.

A Member requested an update regarding the actions agreed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 30th April (Min. 196 refers) in relation to the Town Hall. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that quotations for the architectural work had been requested and it was hoped that a further report would be provided at the Council Meeting to be held 2nd July 2018.

49. PRESERVING THE HERITAGE OF BOGNOR REGIS - TO RECEIVE PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A HISTORIC BUILDING

The Town Council's consultant, Mr. G. Chambers (Local Community Solutions Ltd.), thanked Members for the invitation to attend the meeting, and introduced himself to the newly elected Councillors.

Mr. Chambers delivered a presentation to Members reporting on the pre-feasibility study that had been carried out to date for the acquisition of a historic building in Bognor Regis.

Cllr. Goodheart arrived at 6.48pm

Following a lengthy discussion (a confidential record of which is appended to the file Minutes), a Member made the following proposal:

That the Town Council wish to further investigate the various procurement options of The Royal Hotel

The Motion, having been seconded, was moved to a vote and was unanimously **AGREED**.

It was also **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to begin communications with the current owner of The Royal Hotel,

members of the public, Jess Steele (Jericho Road Solutions) and Public Sector Plc, without prejudice.

The Meeting closed at 7.44pm