

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2019
AT TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT: Councillors: Bannister, Harvey, Howells (Town Mayor), Knight, Morris and Whattler

IN ATTENDANCE: Angie Price – Town Clerk

C86. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Manns and Vesma

C87. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

C88. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2019**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 1 August 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

C89. **RECOMMENDATION FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

The extraordinary of Council meeting had been convened primarily to discuss the outcome of decisions made at the Economic Development and Planning Committee held earlier in the evening in relation to the Gladman development at Dymock Road.

However, due to time constraints the committee had been unable to discuss this item and it had been deferred to an extraordinary meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee.

Councillor Harvey suggested that it might be worth the Council considering asking Carly Tinkler to represent them as an expert witness and how much she would charge to do this.

Some discussion ensued around whether the Clerk should be given delegated powers in respect of a budget for Carly Tinkler representing the Council.

Members were advised that the costs of Carly Tinkler undertaking this on behalf of the Council could potentially be quite high due to the amount of work that would be required.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Carly Tinkler be asked whether she would be able to act as the Council's representative and speak at the Gladman Inquiry on their behalf.**
- 2. That a budget of £1,000 be set for initial conversations with Carly Tinkler with delegated powers being given to the Clerk to increase the budget to £2,000 if necessary.**

C90.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Following the event held on 11 September 2019 to invite residents who may be interested in standing for election to the Town Council, Members were requested to give consideration to how they wished to proceed.

The Clerk provided Members with information which had been received from Elections at Hereford County Council, which had emanated from a tentative enquiry by the Clerk. The Clerk advised that due to recent actions in Westminster she had contacted HCC to ask whether, if there was to be a general election in the near future, Ledbury Town Council could use this opportunity to hold an election to fill their remaining 8-vacancies.

The response received was that as Ledbury Town Council was quorate following the May elections, Hereford would not be calling an election on behalf of Ledbury as the Council was quorate and therefore could co-opt. This information appeared to contradict information that had previously been received from the Assistant Director of Corporate Support at HCC.

Members agreed that before they could proceed further advice should be sought on this matter to establish whether the Council would be able to hold an election to fill the remaining 8-seats.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk seek advice on whether they should be able to hold an election to fill the remaining 8-seats on Ledbury Town Council.

C91.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

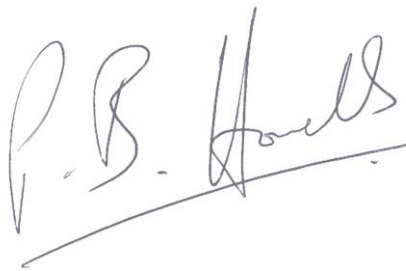
RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the next meeting of Council is scheduled for 3 October 2019 at 7.30 pm, in the Council Chamber.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

Signed

Date: 3 October 2019

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