

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON 13 JULY 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors Eakin, Harvey, Howells, Hughes and l’Anson (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price – Town Clerk

Prior to the formal part of the agenda the Mayor made the following statement:

“People become Councillors for many different reasons, but basically they do it to serve the community and once they become a Councillor there are rules which they have to abide by. Rules set by Government for the whole country. And they then have to abide by those rules and their personal agendas should not be paramount when they are Councillors. We look to upholding that in Ledbury and to move forward on that basis.”

C52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradford, Chowns, Morris and Sinclair.

C53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

C54. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 29 JUNE 2023

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 29 June 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

i. Minute no. C32 – The resolution should read:

“That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.”

ii. Minute no. C46 – That a second resolution should be included as follows:

“That Councillor Howells prepare a report for submission to the July Planning, Economy & Tourism Committee in respect of Affordable Housing in relation to the McCarthy Stone proposals.”

iii. Minute no. C49 – Resolution should read:

“To note that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for 3 August 2023.”

C55. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2023 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Resources Committee be received and noted.

C56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for 3 August 2023.

C57. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

C58. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Code of Conduct Complaint

Members were requested to give consideration to evidence presented by the Resources Committee in respect of a possible Code of Conduct Complaint to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer at Herefordshire Council in relation to Councillor Sinclair.

Councillors who had been involved in preparing the report and evidence provided an outline on how the report and evidence had been prepared.

Members were asked to consider whether there was any additional information that they felt should be included in the evidence and report provided or whether there were any points within the report that should not be included.

Following the discussions Councillor Howells proposed:

That subject to the amendments being made as per discussions, the report and embedded evidence be submitted to the Monitoring Officer.

It was suggested that the Mayor should take advice from the Council's HR providers, Citation, on what measures can be put in place in relation to the Council's duty of care towards all its staff.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Councillors Hughes and Harvey be delegated to make the amendments to the report and evidence as discussed.**
- 2. That the final submission be sent to the Mayor by Monday, 17 July 2023 for submission to the Monitoring Officer.**

The meeting ended at 7.03 pm.

Signed Date
(Chair)