

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Extraordinary Town Council held on the 28th April 2020 at 19:00 by video link (Go to Meeting Application)

Due to Government Advice on COVID-19, this meeting was held in exceptional circumstances via conference call.

Councillors: E Martin (in the chair), R Loveridge, R Walker, I Walker, P Cottrell, S Shambhu, J Butler, K Dando, T Scott, S Scott, B Hopkinson, G Pykov and J Buddharaju (19:33, due to technical issues).

In attendance: L Squire (Clerk), J Turner (Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Cllr E Gordon

Members of the Public:

28/04/2020--No 1 To adopt the online meeting protocol.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to adopt the protocol with the following amendments:

- Declaration of Interest – If the councillors lived in the same property, the other person would ensure they have left the room. If the councillors were not living together, they would need to leave the virtual meeting then the Clerk would text/email them to re-join the meeting.
- All meetings to be recorded except Personnel meetings and closed sessions.
- For closed sessions where the press and public are excluded, councillors should ensure that confidential discussions cannot be heard by other household members (specific exceptions can be allowed on an individual councillor basis, if an explanation is provided and agreed at the Committee or Council meeting where it is raised)

28/04/2020--No 2 To receive and consider apologies for absence and decide whether to accept them and consider those that councillors that are absent and how it is recorded.

Cllr T Bathe-Taylor (Unwell)

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to accept this apology.

28/04/2020--No 3 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman stated that any member having a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed should declare it during the meeting as specified in the Code of Conduct required by the Localism Act 2011 Section 27 and should leave the room while the matter was discussed.

28/04/2020--No 4 To consider the report on appointment of professional services for the Pavilion project.

Cllr S Scott declared his interest and left the room for this item.

i. Project Management

The council were presented with the report on professional fees which included the quote from the preferred supplier Melrose Associates.

RESOLVED: The majority agreed to appoint Melrose Associates.

ii. Architect

The council were presented with the report on professional fees which included three quotes from different architects.

RESOLVED: The majority agreed to appoint The Bush Consultancy.

Cllr S Scott re-joined the meeting.

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28/04/2020--No 5 To consider the motion Cllr R Walker, under standing Order 7a, relating to the Pavilion project.

Cllr R Walker evoked Standing Order 7a, which meant that the council would have to revisit the previous decision relating to the Pavilion project. Much debate was had on whether the business plan was detailed enough and if the idea of moving the council offices had gone through a period of public consultation.

RESOLVED: The majority agreed that Patchway Town Council would continue to plan for a new pavilion with additional office space. The future usage will be dependant on acceptable business plans being produced for the pavilion and Callicroft House that will benefit the residents of Patchway and Charlton Hayes and will also show the usage and revenue that both will generate.

The councillors that voted in favour of this motion were Cllr E Martin, R Loveridge, R Walker, I Walker, S Shambhu, J Butler, K Dando, T Scott, S Scott, B Hopkinson, G Pykov and J Buddharaju. Cllr P Cottrell voted against this motion.

28/04/2020--No 6 To consider the letter in relation to a lease agreement

The Deputy Clerk provided an update for councillors on correspondence with the solicitor. The council noted that there would be a period where the associated parties would have to respond to the council detailing their remedy of any suspected breaches of contract.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed to serve the notice, when received, from the solicitor, to the associated parties.

The meeting closed at 20:23