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G15.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE) 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT

Councillor: P Newton-Smith (In the Chair)

Councillor: (Mrs) K Barber
A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
G Evans
N Gardiner
(Miss) J Murphy
(Mrs) M Penny
K Saunders
(Mrs) L Vardy
S Weisinger
R Williams
S Wolfensohn

IN ATTENDANCE

Eight Members of the Public, one Member of the Press and Mr S Rolfe (CEO of Halo)

APOLOGIES

20. Councillors: K Smith and G Olley



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

21. None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22. Councillor R Williams, as the Chairman of Highworth Recreation Centre Trustees, together with Councillor N Gardiner as a Trustee of Highworth Recreation Centre Trust, declared a financial interest in the agenda item "To Re-Appraise the HALO Agreement" Their pecuniary interests are limited to £10.00 each. Councillors R Williams and Councillor N Gardiner were excluded from the debate on this item.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

23. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL (GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE) MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2020 BE ADOPTED.** The Minutes were duly adopted.

MATTERS ARISING

24. None.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE DEGREE COURSE FUNDING

25. The Town Clerk is to provide more information on the course and bring back to the next Council Meeting.

ZOOM MEETING RECORDINGS

26. Highworth Town Council (HTC) office staff are to investigate the possibility of an official Highworth Town Council YouTube Channel to edit and publish the Virtual Council Meeting recordings and any associated costs, legal implications and training requirements, along with the time element involved. Councillor N Gardiner is to assist with the research.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS IN APRIL AND MAY

27. Currently the Annual Assembly and the Annual Council Meetings are the only Scheduled Meetings that are held in April or May depending upon the timing of an Election. In an Election Year, the Annual Council Meeting must be held on the day when Councillors take Office or within 14 days of the Election.

Extra-Ordinary Planning Meetings can be called during these months if necessary.

HALO REQUEST FOR FUNDING

28. Councillors instructed the Town Clerk to write to the North Swindon Member of Parliament (MP) Justin Tomlinson to engage his assistance in bringing forth more funding from Swindon Borough Council (SBC), to reply to the Finance Officer at SBC and to arrange an urgent Meeting of The Council, the MP and SBC representatives.

CORRESPONDENCE

29. An email was received by all Councillors from a resident, regarding the Recreation Centre prior to this Meeting. Councillors were aware of the points made before the debate.

ACCOUNTS

30. The Accounts listed on pages G18 to G24 were accepted and payment of bills authorised.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

31. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy: The VE Day Commemorative Coins purchased by Highworth Town Council are now being distributed to the schools of Highworth.

The Meeting closed at 7:47pm.

Action Points: -

- The Town Clerk is to provide more information on the Community Governance Course and bring back to the next Council Meeting.
- HTC office staff are to investigate the possibility of an official Highworth Town Council YouTube Channel to edit and publish the virtual Council Meeting recordings and any associated costs, legal implications, training requirements along with time element involved. Councillor N Gardiner is to assist with the research.
- The Town Clerk is to write to the MP Justin Tomlinson to engage his assistance in bringing forth more funding from (SBC), and to reply to the Finance Officer at SBC and to arrange an urgent Meeting of Highworth Town Council, the MP and SBC representatives.