

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Christchurch Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, on Tuesday 06 June, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor J Davies in the Chair, and
Councillors Mrs J. Farnham, Mrs K. Green, M. Green, Mrs J. Hood, R. Kenney,
P. Leason, Mrs E. Mowatt, A. Osgathorpe, M. Shaw, Mrs C. Collier, G. Collier,
M. Williamson and Mrs M. Goodall

ABSENT: Councillors T. Jackson, G. Neagus, Mrs J. Piggott and I. Fordham

Before the meeting began Revd. I. Cardinal called for a silence as a mark of respect for those who were killed and injured in the three recent terrorist attacks, particularly the one in London. This was followed by prayers.

The Mayor read out a message received from the First Vice-Mayor of Aix-en-Othe in France expressing concern about the terrorist attacks and of the need for all countries to unite.

Stone Town Mayor has expressed his thanks to the First Vice-Mayor as well as echoing his thoughts.

C18/010 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors T. Jackson, G. Neagus, Mrs J. Piggott and I Fordham.

C18/011 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received.

C18/012 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C18/013 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Annual Public Meeting held on the 25 April, 2017, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman

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as a correct record

- b) That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2017, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C18/014 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 25 April, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- b) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 9 May, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- c) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 16 May, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- d) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 16 May, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- e) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 23 May, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C18/015 Annual Governance Statement 2016-17

The Council considered the Annual Governance Statement* which must be approved before the Council Accounts can be submitted to the External Auditor.

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2016-17.

C18/016 Internal Auditor's Report 2016-17

The Town Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (after an assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls in accordance with a smaller authority's needs) had raised no concerns.

He also reported that the Internal Auditor had taken a decision to resign and there would be a need to make a new appointment later in the year.

RESOLVED: To accept the Internal Auditor's Report*.

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C18/017 Council Accounts 2016-17

The Council considered the Town Clerk's report* which had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

- a) To approve the Council's Accounts for 2016-17 as set out in this document, including the use of the rollover reserve to allow the transfer of budgets between financial years and its proposed use in 2017-18.
- b) To note the variances between the forecast outturn for 2016-17 and the actual outturn, and the reasons identified for the mayor variances
- c) To note that the internal auditor made no comments that he wished to be reported to the Council
- d) To approve the annual Audit Return for submission to the Council's external auditors

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk (Business and Finance) were thanked for their detailed work with the accounts.

**C18/018 Local Government Transparency Code 2015
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014**

The reports of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015* and Openness of public Bodies Regulations 2014 were noted. A comment was made that the expenditure on removal of bulrushes should not have been necessary, and a query was raised about the cost of the power supplier to the Station Community Centre.

C18/019 Civic Announcements

The Civic Announcements, which were previously circulated, were noted. The Mayor also reminded Members about his Civic Service on Sunday 2 July 2017.

C18/020 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements were circulated and noted.

C18/021 To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next item of business is discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate

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C18/022 **Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25 April, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

TOWN MAYOR

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