

# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 13 August 2019

**PRESENT:** Councillor R. Kenney in the Chair, and  
Councillors: T. Adamson, K. Argyle, Mrs A. Burgess, I. Fordham, M. Green,  
M. Hatton, Mrs J. Hood, J. Hickling, T. Kelt, P. Leason, J. Powell and R. Townsend

**ABSENT:** Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson and C. Thornicroft

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### **GP20/073    Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies,  
Mrs K. Dawson and C. Thornicroft

### **GP20/074    Declarations of Interests**

None

### **GP20/075    Requests for Dispensations**

None

### **GP20/076    HS2 Phase 2a**

The Committee considered whether to submit a petition to the House of Lords regarding HS2 Phase 2a and whether it wished to make a payment to Stone Railhead Crisis Group to present the petition on the Council's behalf.

A copy of the draft petition\* had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting along with an email containing information about the funding of the HS2 campaign, executed by Stone Railhead Crisis Group. The definitive costs associated with the petition are difficult to assess but the Group said it would probably need to make a fresh appeal for funds and a payment of £1,000 from the Town Council would be most helpful.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council agrees to petition the House of Lords and accepts the draft petition proposed by Stone Railhead Crisis Group. A payment of £1,000 to Stone Railhead Crisis Group was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee are authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the petition, should the need arise.

### **GP20/077    Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are 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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\* Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

**GP20/078**    **Staffing Matters**

The Committee considered the update provided by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: To agree changes to the terms and conditions of employment of a member of staff and authorise the Town Clerk to implement the changes.

**CHAIRMAN**