

(Amended)

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 5th December, 2019 at 7.21pm

PRESENT: Councillors Head (In the Chair) Bailey, Boatman, Bottomley, Flynn, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moiser, Moore, Turner and Walker.

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms Stacey Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Admin Assistant)

GTC2789 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Penn, Raspin, Vause and Whitehead.

The Chair (Councillor Head) reminded the public that under Standing Order 13A any elector of Goole will be afforded time at the beginning of this session to raise any matters of concern. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed.

No members of the public wished to speak

GTC2790 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE**

There were no declarations of interest.

GTC2791 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the under- mentioned meetings be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted subject to any resolution contained below.

Councillor Turner **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th November, 2019 be accepted as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th November, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Head.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th November, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21st November, 2019 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7th and 21st November, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Turner.

Councillor Head **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 21st November , 2019 be signed as a true record subject to an amendment to Minute number **PR1905** which states that Councillor Vause is requesting that Members allocate some money from the car boot sales to pay for the redecoration. This should read allocate some money for the cost of the paint only.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 21st November, 2019 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn subject to the above amendment.

GTC2792 **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER – KENT ROAD PLAY AREA**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) discussed the report with Members stating that in the long term it will cost more to patch up the park on a regular basis than the £2,000 investment which could potentially generate £25,000 in grants. She informed Members that there is currently £18,255 in the Capital Receipts Reserve account.

She is recommending that Members approve the release of £2,000 from the Capital Receipts Reserve Account and rename the fund 'Capital Receipts/Match Funding Reserve Account'. Match funding can potentially unlock lots of external grants.

Councillor Moore **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the release of £2,000 from the Capital Receipts Reserve Account and the renaming of the account to Capital Receipts/Match Funding Reserve Account.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members **APPROVE** the release of £2,000 from the Capital Receipts Reserve Account and the renaming of the account to Capital Receipts/match Funding Account.

GTC2793 **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – ESTABLISHING A HUMAN RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk discussed the report suggesting that a permanent Personnel Sub-Committee be established. In the past personnel issues have been dealt with on an ad hoc basis by a panel of nominated Members.

Councillor Head informed Members that this is something which is needed both for continuity and to benefit Staff. She nominated Councillors Flynn and Walker to form a Sub-Committee with her.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that a Human Resources Sub-Committee be established, consisting of Councillors Head, Flynn and Walker.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Boatman.

It was **RESOLVED** that a Human Resources Sub-Committee be established, consisting of Councillors Head, Flynn and Walker.

GTC2794 **DRAFT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN FOR GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The Town Clerk explained to Members that this is a draft plan to an ERYC template.

Councillor Boatman expressed concern regarding giving out Councillor's emails and also the code for the Defibrillator.

The Town Clerk explained that the plan is not a public document and that the details are for ERYC use only.

A discussion took place regarding the fact that there are no GTC Councillors on the Emergency Team.

The Town Clerk explained that the Councillors who wished to volunteer would be included on the Emergency Team.

Councillor Head stated that if Junction as a place of refuge wouldn't work an alternative would be needed.

The Town Clerk informed Members that Junction is identified as an additional resource in case of an emergency and would not be the command centre.

Councillor Marshall informed Members that during the last flood scare in 2000, people came from Howden to the Leisure Centre. The WRVS helped out and there was plenty of room for people to eat and sleep there.

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that ERYC is only wanting people to disseminate information on behalf of the Environment Agency and others, in case of an emergency.

Councillor Head expressed concern that the number for the defibrillator outside Junction should not be in the public domain. She said that it should be given by the emergency operator.

Councillor Moore informed Members that in his view ERYC should have the number in order to save the emergency services valuable time.

Councillor Boatman left the meeting at this point.

It was RESOLVED that the Courtyard be identified as a secondary emergency location, defibrillator numbers to be removed from the plan and that Councillors Turner, D Jeffreys, Harrison, Moiser and Walker be the Community Emergency Team.

GTC2795

COUNCILLOR HEAD TO ADDRESS MEMBERS ON THE FUTURE OF THE MARKET HALL

Councillor Head apologised to Members for the lack of a report. She stated that she had received an email that day from John Read, regarding the lease coming to an end in May 2020. She said that Councillors needs to come up with a feasible idea of what they want to do with the Market as the public's understanding is that GTC is keeping it.

Councillor Head informed Members that she has pledged to keep the Market as it intrinsically belongs to the people of Goole. She said that in this financial climate GTC is struggling to maintain, run and pay rent for the market and therefore she wants a peppercorn rent from ERYC. She would ideally prefer an asset transfer in order for the market to belong to GTC.

She asked The Town Clerk to delay the production of a business plan. She stated that we are a successful Council and suggested a brainstorming meeting to put together a business plan in the new year. She said that it is difficult to know what to do until they know what ERYC is proposing in terms of any rent.

Councillor Moore stated that the public perception is that the market is sorted when in actual fact it's not. He said that confirmation on the rent is needed before wasting time on it. He proposed writing to ERYC and asking for the market rent free.

Councillor Head informed Members that she had seen Alan Menzies who is very positive about the Market, which can't be separated from Junction. She said that Councillors need to meet prior to writing to ERYC. She talked about the market being a multi functional venue for weddings, parties an indoor market and possibly a pop-up ice rink. She said that if a peppercorn rent could be settled, money could be raised by match funding.

The RFO informed Members that should they wish to look at keeping the market it would need sorting in next year's budgets for the Policy & Resources meeting on the 19th December ready for January's Full Council Meeting.

Councillor Head stated that the market is not being given back to ERYC. She said that it could have had a facelift in 2012 when Goole Renaissance would have paid £4,000 towards it. The Council at the time

declined the funding.

Councillor D Jeffreys told Members that he had been in touch with Helen Hoult who informed him that a local entrepreneur, Mike Bateman wants the market fully renovated.

Councillor Flynn informed members that The Civic Society is trying to make the market an Asset of Community Value.

Councillor Head suggested asking Margaret Hicks-Clarke to attend the proposed brainstorming meeting.

Councillor D Jeffreys said that he would ask Margaret Hicks-Clarke to attend, along with any other interested parties. He said that he would ask Mike Bateman what his ideas for the market are.

Members agreed to work together with other parties to pool knowledge. They agreed to sort a date to meet up prior to a Council meeting.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 8.15.pm.

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