

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES:

of the Extraordinary meeting of Camborne Town Council held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs V Dalley **Chairman** **(to point mentioned)**
Councillor M Champion
Councillor J Collins
Councillor R Congdon
Councillor T Dalley
Councillor Ms Z Fox
Councillor C Godolphin
Councillor Mrs R Goodman
Councillor J Herd
Councillor V Kelynack
Councillor L McDonald
Councillor J Morgan
Councillor Ms M Pearce
Councillor Mrs S Weedon
Councillor Mrs M Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Hughes, Acting Town Clerk; Janet Ritchie, Committee Support Officer; Melanie Negus, Finance & Administration Assistant; Rose Hitchens-Todd, Engagement Officer; Leonard Smith, representing the Towns Deal Board; Angela Hatherall, Jane Smith, Helen Eastham and Tonia Lu, representing Create CIC.

The Chairman explained the meeting procedures to all present.

C.5057 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

C.5057.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillors Atherfold and Wilkins for non-attendance at the Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 27th January 2021 were received

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5058 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Williams would Chair the meeting for agenda items 8, 9, 10 and 11 as Councillor Mrs Dalley was declaring an interest.

C.5059 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

Councillor Mrs Dalley declared interest in agenda items 8, 9, 10 and 11 as she was a Trustee of the Donald Thomas Centre.

C.5060 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors T Dalley and Herd had applied for dispensation for agenda items 8, 9, 10 and 11 as they were members of the Towns Deal Board. This was granted by the Clerk.

C.5061 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 103 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS AND GIVE EVIDENCE IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES)

No members of the public wished to speak.

C.5062 THAT THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

C.5062.2 RESOLVED: that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, the press and public were excluded, except representatives from the Town Deal Board and Create CIC, who were permitted to remain for agenda items 8, 9 and 10

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Dalley
Seconded by Councillor Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Having declared interest in agenda items 8, 9, 10 and 11, Councillor Mrs Dalley left the meeting at 6.36pm and Councillor Williams took the Chair.

C.5063

TO RECEIVE A VERBAL AND WRITTEN REPORT ON BEHALF OF CAMBORNE TOWN DEAL BOARD ON A PROJECT, AND AGREE ACTION

Mr Leonard Smith, the Town Deal Board Co-ordinator for Camborne, spoke in support of a proposal for the purchase of the Donald Thomas Centre by Camborne Town Council, using funding from the Town Deal Fund. He explained Create CIC's involvement as tenants, who would provide equipment and a proportion of the funding.

Mr Smith answered members' questions regarding the purchase of the building, its refurbishment, the timescale involved and whether local businesses would be able to use the premises.

C.5063.2

RESOLVED: that a verbal and written report on behalf of Camborne Town Deal Board on a project, was received

Proposed by Councillor Williams
Seconded by Councillor Champion

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5064

TO RECEIVE A VERBAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATION FROM CREATE CIC ON THE PROPOSAL, AND AGREE ACTION

Ms Angela Hatherall, representing Create Community Interest Company, presented an overview of the company, and its aim to create a contemporary crafts hub for the community, using the Donald Thomas Centre as a base, with professionals in place to monitor the programme and offer practical skills, engagement, education and training facilities to all ages and abilities. This would provide employment opportunities and support regeneration and growth in the town. Create CIC proposed to use the Donald Thomas Centre building to provide rentable workshop space, use of specialist ceramics equipment, a community café, and a community craft library and exhibition space, all of which could be run simultaneously, as required. Attracting professionals to the project from the outset would create a high standard for what was being offered.

Ms Hatherall answered members' questions regarding affordability; take-up; vehicular access to the building; accountability of Create CIC; links to the community and local businesses; diversity and types of crafts offered and the timescale of the project.

Ms Hatherall confirmed that this was a long-term project, and while it was aimed at the whole community, it would also involve

schools and colleges by providing ceramic-making facilities that they no longer have and therefore retain these skills in the county.

Ms Hatherall was thanked for her presentation.

C.5064.2 RESOLVED: that a verbal and written presentation from Create CIC on the proposal, was received

Proposed by Councillor Williams
Seconded by Councillor T Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

C.5065 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER WRITTEN OR VERBAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE TOWN DEAL PROJECT, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

C.5065.2 RESOLVED: that two documents relating to the Inter Bodmin Project, to support and inform this Council on the Create CIC Project, were received

Proposed by Councillor Williams
Seconded by Councillor Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the Town Deal Board and Cornwall CIC for their contribution to the meeting.

Mr Leonard Smith, Ms Angela Hatherall, Ms Jane Smith, Ms Helen Eastham and Ms Tania Lu left the meeting at 7.32pm.

C.5066 TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN PROPOSAL REPORT FROM THE ACTING TOWN CLERK ON THE PROJECT, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Acting Town Clerk presented a report informing members on the financial aspects, conditions of transfer and legalities involved with undertaking this project. She confirmed that any interest the Town Council might express at this stage would not be legally binding and advised that that once the Towns Fund investment plan was approved, this Council should request further information, to allow a final decision to be made and a working party set up to go through the detail before bringing it back to Full Council.

The Chairman invited comment from members, which included concern at whether the project would benefit local people; the Town Council's existing financial commitment to its green spaces

and whether the Town Deal project had included adequate youth provision.

The Acting Town Clerk informed members that the Town Council would not incur any project management costs.

The Engagement Officer confirmed that there was adequate funding in place by the Town Deal to support youth work.

Members were asked to consider the benefits of owning a building which could be an asset to the town.

C.5066.2

RESOLVED: that a written proposal report by the Acting Town Clerk on the project was received and that Camborne Town Council approves the inclusion of the Camborne Contemporary Crafts Hub project in the Town Investment Plan for Camborne, and that the Town Council is interested, in principle, in becoming the owners of the Donald Thomas Centre, subject to further information being provided later, on terms of the lease, ownership, restrictions on sale, annual maintenance costs and utilities, and receipt of a surveyor's report and scrutiny of the project by the Town Council's solicitors.

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Morgan

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a Majority, with one vote against.

Councillor Godolphin requested that it was recorded he voted against the proposal.

C.5066.3

RESOLVED: that the Town Council forms a Working Party for the project, consisting of Councillors Wilkins, Mrs Dalley, Champion, Godolphin, Kelynack, Ms Fox and Weedon

Proposed by Councillor Morgan
Seconded by Councillor Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.51pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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