

# LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leominster Town Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 18:00 hours remotely via Zoom.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Thomas (Mayor), Rumsey (Deputy Mayor), Bartlett, Davies, Herschy, Marsh, Marshall, Murdoch, Norman, Rosser, Smith-Winnard and Williams.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Projects & Grants Officer and the Democratic Services Officer.

## **01/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

## **02/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Bartlett, Marsh, Norman – Herefordshire Council members  
Cllr Marshall – Herefordshire Council employee

## **03/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Committee **RESOLVED** to grant dispensations to Cllrs Bartlett, Marsh, Norman and Marshall to participate in discussions and to vote on matters arising.

## **04/21 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present. No matters were raised.

## **05/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Leominster Town Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record when social distancing regulations are lifted by central government.

## **06/21 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

As certain items to be discussed included the consideration of exempt information, Full Council **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **(a) Potential Devolved Asset**

Committee considered the acquisition of a devolved asset from Herefordshire Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Marsh and seconded by Cllr Norman that Leominster Town Council:

1. Declare an interest in the community asset transfer of the potential devolved asset to Leominster Town Council;

2. Welcome the support offered by Herefordshire Council officers to complete the business case and set up a working party to complete an outline business case by the end of May;
3. Seek agreement for access to all tenanted areas to check their condition;
4. Urge Herefordshire Council to ensure due diligence for the transfer of this important asset by allowing Leominster Town Council an appropriate period for the completion of the full business case.

The proposals were put to a named vote and agreed unanimously.

For: Councillors Thomas, Rumsey, Bartlett, Davies, Herschy, Marsh, Marshall, Murdoch, Norman, Rosser, Smith-Winnard and Williams.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Committee **RESOLVED** to set up a working party, of Cllrs Thomas, Marsh, Murdoch and Davies, to complete an outline business case by the end of May 2021. The clerk will arrange a meeting for week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to discuss next steps and will write to Paul Walker (CEO Herefordshire Council) to invite him to visit Leominster and arrange a site visit.

#### **07/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that the next Town Council Meeting would be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 19:00 hours in the John Abel Room at Grange Court, Pinsley Road, Leominster HR6 8NL

There being no other business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19.23 hours.

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_