

# LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leominster Town Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Rumsey (Mayor), Marsh (Deputy Mayor), Bartlett, Davies, Herschy, Marshall, Murdoch, Norman, Rosser, Smith-Winnard, Sutcliffe (19.08) and Williams.

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

## **48/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Preece (Work), Thomas (Holiday) and Sutcliffe who advised that he was attending an overlapping meeting. Cllr Sutcliffe joined the meeting at 19.08.

## **49/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **50/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

## **51/21 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

## **52/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Leominster Town Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## **53/21 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 – The Old Priory, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8EQ**

Council considered the recommendations made in the Old Priory Community Asset Transfer Report.

It was proposed by Cllr Rosser and seconded by Cllr Norman:

1. That the Council adopt the Old Priory CAT business case developed by the Old Priory working group;

2. That the Old Priory CAT business case for transfer of the ownership of the Old Priory building from Herefordshire Council to Leominster Town Council is submitted to Herefordshire Council on or before 23rd September 2021;
3. That the Council delegate authority to the Old Priory working group to negotiate terms of a CAT agreement for the Old Priory building, should Leominster Town Council's CAT application be successful;
4. That the funds required to support years 1-6 of the Old Priory CAT business case are drawn from existing Town Council reserves and unspent loans listed in 3.5.1, alongside the Council actively seeking external grants.

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

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

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Following the named vote, Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations made in the Old Priory Community Asset Transfer Report.

#### **(b) Civic Awards**

Council **RESOLVED** to present Civic Awards to the following recipients for their invaluable contribution to Leominster:

- Richard Barlow
- Marina Morris
- Mike Thornhill (posthumously)

Council **RESOLVED** to send a letter of appreciation and a plaque to the following organisations for their invaluable contribution to Leominster:

- The 6 doctors surgeries involved with the Covid-19 vaccination programme for the residents of Leominster;
- Leominster In Bloom;
- Community Wheels;
- Leominster Food Bank.

#### **54/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that the next Town Council Meeting would be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

There being no other business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19.20 hours.

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