

MINUTES of the SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE
TOWN COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2021 at 7.40 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Lesley Howes – Town Mayor
Councillor Lorna Cross – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Emma Ben Moussa
Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Peter Harris

ALSO PRESENT: Graham Blew – Town Clerk
Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk/RFO

ABSENT: There were none

246/21-22. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.

Members held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the recent passing of Kent County Councillor and Dartford Borough Councillor Ann Allen.

The Town Mayor explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

247/21-22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Jay Shah had previously received dispensation from attending meetings for a six-month period commencing 24 June 2021 (minute 48/21-22).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Anita Barham, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sue Butterfill, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Linda Hall, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Dr Jo Harman, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Peter Harman, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor John Hayes, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Maurice Weet, due to medical reasons.

Members expressed their concern regarding the number of non-attendees, and it was agreed that the Town Mayor would write a letter to all Members informing them of these concerns.

RESOLVED:

That the reasons for absence, for the above Town Councillors, be formally accepted and approved.

That the Town Mayor write a letter to all Members informing them of the concerns regarding the number of non-attendees at meetings.

248/21-22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

As per Standing Order 34 c) the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business being transacted at the meeting.

249/21-22. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on be 7 October 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed.

250/21-22. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

251/21-22 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN RESPECT OF COUNCILLOR MAURICE WEET.

A request had been submitted for Members to consider granting dispensation for possible non-attendance at Town Council meetings that may give rise to disqualification without prior approval. The Town Council was asked to consider the request, made due to ill health.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council approve a dispensation for Councillor Maurice Weet from attending meetings of the Town Council due to ill health, for a six-month period commencing 28 October 2021, to avoid ceasing being a member of the authority under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

252/21-22. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

MOVED BY Councillor Emma Ben-Moussa and seconded by Councillor Lorna Cross.

RESOLVED:

That, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item(s).

No members of the press or public were present during discussion of the following items of business.

253/21-22. PAVILION PROJECT - UPDATE.

Members discussed the contents of the confidential report, which included the quotations relating to the previously approved (full Council 7 October 2021) recommendation 1 (of 4) from the 13 September 2021 Working Group meeting.

It was proposed, duly seconded and, after being put to a vote, agreed:

RESOLVED:

That quotation A be selected for the works as detailed in the quotation.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed: _____

(Chairman)

Date:- _____