

STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an EXTRAORDINARY meeting of Staveley Town Council held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 31 January 2023 at the Speedwell Rooms.

Present:

Councillors	P Wilson (Chair)	C Jackson	R Perry
	B Bingham	P Jacobs	D Rhodes
	D Collins	J Kay	K Thornton
	B Dyke	C Ludlow	E Tidd
	R Holwell	P Mann	

In attendance: S Doherty, Town Clerk & RFO, 43 members of the public

- 1084/SD/22 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Councillors D Denton and J Mann.
- 1085/SD/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
None.
- 1086/SD/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**
The Chairman explained the rules of public participation and explained that he had asked the Clerk if she could organise a public consultation meeting so that members of the public could have their say. Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask their questions for the Clerk to note and then provide a written response to the next meeting.
- 1087/SD/22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC - PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**
RESOLVED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- 1088/SD/22 SPECIAL MOTION RE DECISION TO MAKE REDUNDANCIES AND CLOSE THE COFFEE SHOP**
Members considered the following motion put forward by Councillors C Jackson, P Wilson, D Rhodes, P Mann and J Mann:

“We, the undersigned wish to propose that the council reconsider its decisions made on the 30th November 2022 to close the coffee shop and the 10 January 2023 to make compulsory redundancies.

We propose that the coffee shop is allowed to continue running until either an external provider is selected and takes over or business picks up to a point where it covers its cost ie generates an extra £1,000 a week.

The Council to allow the Town Clerk and staff to implement ideas to improve income in line with a business plan with a review after the end of May 2023. Council to agree a budget of £100 for advertising.

We propose that the amount of redundancies is reconsidered.”

Following an indepth discussion it was requested that the question be put and upon the vote the motion was lost. A recorded vote having been requested, the voting was as follows:

FOR: Cllrs P Mann, P Wilson, C Jackson, R Perry and D Rhodes (5)

AGAINST: Cllrs B Dyke, D Collins, K Thornton, J Kay, R Holwell, E Tidd, B Bingham, P Jacobs and C Ludlow (9)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

1089/SD/22

SALE OF LAND – ENTRANCE TO MASTIN MOOR ALLOTMENTS

Councillors considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk and RFO.

RESOLVED:

That the sale of the portion of land indicated on the plan 20220704_MMCAA_Proposed Hedge Relocation_040722 for a sum of £10,000, subject to the legal costs being covered by the developer, be approved.

1090/SD/22

OPERATIONS REVIEW – TENANCY AGREEMENTS

Councillors considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk and RFO. Councillors raised a number of points that they would like to examine for the future.

RESOLVED:

a) That an amendment to a £0.00 service charge to existing tenants agreements for a period of one year, to be reviewed at each subsequent rental review, be approved.

b) That there be no requirement for tenants not to discuss their rental agreements with each other.

c) That the Council seek to charge the £250 per month service charge to new tenants. A special meeting to be called should this present any difficulties in attracting new tenants.

1091/SD/22

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The meeting having lasted for almost 2 hours it was considered if the remaining business could be completed with an extension of time.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 3x be suspended for a period of 1 hour.

The meeting adjourned for a 10 minute comfort break at 8pm. Cllrs D Rhodes, P Mann, R Perry, and C Jackson left the meeting.

1092/SD/22

DRAFT HEADS OF TERMS OF FINANCIAL RESCUE PACKAGE

Councillors discussed concerns about the financial situation but did not wish to discuss the heads of terms of the offer without the controlling group present or the specific figures relating to a loan.

RESOLVED:

That an extraordinary meeting be called to discuss the Heads of Terms only, preferably with the figures entered in the draft document.

The meeting terminated at 20:50pm.

Signed: _____