

MINEHEAD TOWN COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 22 June 2018 at 10.30 am at
The Function Room, Minehead & District Social Club, North Road, Minehead**

Present:

Mayor: Cllr N Hercock

Councillors: Cllr L Culverhouse, Cllr R Dinnick, Cllr O Harvey, Cllr A Kingston-James*, Cllr J Malin, Cllr G Miele, Cllr J Parbrook*, Cllr L Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr. R Thomas*, Cllr T Venner*

(* denotes WSC Councillor, ** denotes SCC Councillor)

Members of the Public

Cllr A Hadley *

40 members of the public

2 members of the press

Officers in Attendance:

Minute Taker (Mrs J Notley)

The Mayor, Cllr Hercock, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He quoted Paragraph 10(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 Part II relating to holding a meeting on licensed premises and told the meeting that despite trying several venues it had not been possible to arrange a meeting within the time frame necessary which was not on licensed premises

Cllr Hercock then called for nominations, in the absence of Cllr Everett, for a Deputy Mayor for the meeting. Cllr Dinnick was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Miele and appointed with all in favour

847. Apologies for absence [LGA 1972 s 85 \(1\)](#)

Apologies for their absence had been received from Cllr G Everett and Cllr A Parbrook

848. Declarations of Interest In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members

To receive and record any declarations of interest in respect of any matters included on the Agenda for consideration at this meeting

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Speak/ Vote</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	
Cllr A Kingston-James	All	WSC Councillor	2018	yes		Stayed in the room, spoke and voted
Cllr J Parbrook	All	WSC Councillor	2018	yes		Stayed in the room, spoke and voted
Cllr R Thomas	All	WSC Councillor	2018	yes		Stayed in the room, spoke and voted
Cllr T Venner	All	WSC Councillor	2018	yes		Stayed in the room, spoke and voted

(i) Dispensations In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of Members

None

Cllr Malin objected on a point of order to the meeting on licensed premises. He felt it was an illegal meeting and intended reporting Minehead Town Council to the external auditor. The Mayor said his objection was noted. Cllr Venner said he was also going to report this breach to the external auditor. The Mayor said his objection was noted

849. Adjournment of Meeting for Public Inclusion in accordance with Standing Order No.1c

Subject to standing order 1(c), members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda

The period of time which is designated to public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes

No members of the public had asked to speak

Cllr Venner said he had raised, at the previous meeting, the issue of no Clerk or Responsible Financial Officer being present. He apologised to the note taker. He said there should be no meeting without a proper officer being present. Cllr J Parbrook said extensive legal advice had been sought and there was no reason why the meeting could not take place. This item was merely to appoint Louise Crossman as project manager for a project which was for the good of Minehead and neither SALC nor the monitoring officer had had any problem with this.

850. Community Building, Irnham Road Recreation Ground

Colin Johnson, CEO, Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership, to present a statement to Council

Mr Johnson outlined the progress of the project to build the new Community Building. So far it had taken nearly three years to put together the funding of £757,000 to start the building project. A project officer had to be appointed as soon as possible to put together the tendering documents, obtain up-to-date prices, etc. It was vital not to exceed the budget and some grants were time limited. The Hinkley funds, for instance, could run out. Cllr M Smith was concerned about the project not being handed to someone on a tendering basis. Mr Johnson said Louise Crossman is the architect who has designed the building and will obtain written quotes on what the building will cost on a stage by stage basis.

Recommendation: that Council appoint Louise Crossman as Project Manager

Proposed: Cllr J Parbrook

Seconded: Cllr O Harvey

RESOLVED: with 8 in favour and 4 against that Council appoint Louise Crossman as Project Manager

851. Report in the Public Interest under Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (already circulated)

Cllr Venner wanted to discuss the Report in the Public Interest in detail but Cllr Parbrook reminded him he had a prejudicial interest in this matter. She read out the legal advice received from Maitland Walker, Solicitors, in how to deal with the Report without breaking the confidentiality agreement. Cllr Venner wanted to know exactly who decided to sack an employee but Cllr Parbrook reminded him again three times that he had a prejudicial interest in this matter. The Mayor reminded Cllr Venner that he had asked for declarations of interest under item 848 and Cllr Venner had not declared any. Cllr Venner admitted his prejudicial interest. Cllr M Smith was concerned that the public could only view the Report during working hours at the Council Offices and suggested putting it on the Town Council website.

Recommendation: that the Report be displayed on the Town Council website:

Proposed: Cllr M Smith

Seconded: Cllr J Parbrook

RESOLVED with 12 in favour and 1 abstention that the Report be displayed on Minehead Town Council website

Recommendation: that Council note the Report

Proposed: Cllr Harvey

Seconded: Cllr L Smith

RESOLVED with 9 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions that Council note the Report in the Public Interest

- 852. To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted** [Public Bodies \[Admission to Meetings\] Act 1960](#)

The Mayor asked the press and public to leave the room while Council moved to item 853. There was a public disturbance and Council was unable to continue with its business. Mayor closed the meeting at 11.05 am.