



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF

THE

EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018 AT 8.35pm AT THE GUILDHALL

PRESENT

Councillor Mr R Coleman, Mayor
Councillor Mr P Edmundson, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Mr J Byng
Councillor Mrs A Coleman
Councillor Mrs E Davies
Councillor Mrs C Edginton-White
Councillor Mr P Harrison
Councillor Mr D Killingworth
Councillor Mr R Stanczyszyn

In attendance: Mr D Moore, Treasurer
Mrs G Lungley, Temporary Office Manager

8727 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman had called the meeting following a request by Cllrs Mrs L Candlin and Mrs C Edginton-White to hold an Extraordinary Meeting.

The Lord's Prayer had been recited at the start of the preceding meeting.

8728 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr J Beeson, Mrs L Candlin, Mr G Yarranton

8729 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

8730 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

8731 ITEM OF BUSINESS

The wording provided by the two members who requested this meeting is as follows: to discuss-

- a) The resignation of the Chairman of Finance and General purposes from the Council and the vacancy on this committee and a review of the activities which have been undertaken since this committee was formed in August 2018.
- b) A review of the Staffing Committee functions, procedures and decisions taken at meetings since 6th August 2018.
- c) The functions of the Community Development Committee as agreed by the Council at its Annual Meeting in May 2018, the Community Engagement Strategy of the Council and a review of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting 28th September to ensure any necessary reinstatement of CDC meetings and functions.

Cllr Edginton-White spoke to the items to explain the reason for calling an Extraordinary Meeting, and that due to Cllr Candlin's absence she was reluctant to move forward with any proposals and had not provided any discussion papers.

After further discussion it was **AGREED** by a majority of those voting that -
The matters outlined would be properly documented and put forward at a future meeting.

This meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Signed.....
Mayor/Chairman
Meeting of the Town Council – 7th January 2019

Amendment agreed at Town Council meeting held 7th January 2019 as put forward by Cllr C Edginton-White:

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Amendments:

Item a) Cllr Edginton-White referred to Minute: **EM27/7/2018:5** 27th July 2018 when both the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Staffing Committee were setup and the Policy and Resources committee was dissolved.

1.(iii) Agreed "Both these new committees (Staffing & F&GP) will make any recommendations to Full Council to seek full democratic approval in the decision-making process the exception being the first meeting of the Staffing Committee with regard to any urgent matters where they make a decision". Cllr Edginton-White explained that the F&GP appeared to be making decisions which under the above minute should be brought forward for a decision to be made by the whole Council. The Mayor asked for an example. It was then declared that the item had been discussed for ten minutes and no further time should be allowed to discuss the item. In the absence of Cllr Candlin to support the discussion and that no motion had been able to be put, the discussion item was stopped.

Item b) The item regarding the Staffing Committee was not progressed for similar reasons to item a) above.

Item c) Cllr Edginton-White Stated that she wished this item to be withdrawn and discussed at a future date as it would not be appropriate to discuss this item in the absence of the Chairman of CDC, Cllr Candlin.

After further discussion where members expressed their frustration and confusion as to the purpose of the meeting, it was **AGREED** by a majority of those voting that -

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A request for a named vote was lodged:

In favour Cllrs R Coleman, J Byng, A Coleman, L Davies,
D Killingworth, R Stanczyszyn.

Against Cllrs C Edginton-White, P Edmundson, P Harrison.