

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
held on 9 October 2023 at 6pm in the Old Wool Market and via video conference

Present: Cllr J Owens Chairman / Mayor
 Cllr M Lewis Vice Chairman / Deputy Mayor
 Cllr C Black
 Cllr T Moses
 Cllr P Lewis
 Cllr H Lewis
 Cllr R Thomas
 Cllr B Simister

Observer: None

2412 Apologies: Cllr J Hackett
 Cllr K Jones

The Mayor began the meeting by asking all present to stand for a minutes silence to acknowledge the passing of Mr Brian Griffiths who had served for over twenty years as a town councillor and had held the office of both Mayor and Sheriff of the town.

2413 Declarations of Interest from Members

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Nature of interest</i>
None			

2414 Appointments to Committees: None

2415 The Mayor reminded the meeting that, resulting from the recent elections, the public had voted five new members to the Council. Cllrs Black, Lewis and Thomas were to be given places on the Standing Committees:

That Cllr C Black and Cllr P Lewis serve on the Management Estates and Strategy Committee.

That Cllr R Thomas serve on the Policy Personnel and Finance Committee

That Cllr C Black and Cllr P Lewis serve on the Civic Event sub committee

2416 Matters Relating to the Old Wool Market:

The Mayor welcomed the Funding Officer, Mr C Atherton, to the meeting and asked Cllr Martin Lewis to lead the debate. Mr Atherton expressed the wish to have the views of the councillors present regarding the layout suggested by the Architect. He had one suggestion to place before Council and that was that the closed archway should be opened for access to the building. This was readily accepted by all present. Resulting from the discussion that followed it was accepted that the Council Chamber would replace the Flat, that the offices and facilities, including the Mayor's office/parlour, would be on the first floor and the ground floor should be open for public use. Having estimated the cost of the project to be in the region of £150,000, Mr Atherton promised to provide a written account of his deliberations with the Architect. Cllr M Lewis then sought information regarding grant funding. Mr Atherton felt that the amount of grant funding would mostly be determined by how the ground floor was to be used and to what extent similar uses were catered for within a radius of one hundred and fifty yards.

Mr Atherton was informed that the Council had no partners in the venture but would foresee a variety of local organizations requesting regular use of the facility. The Council determined that Cllr M Lewis should be Mr Atherton's point of contact. The Mayor then thanked Mr Atherton for his attendance and for providing a clearer insight into what was involved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7. 20 pm

Chairman of Council / Mayor **Signed**

Proper Officer / Town Clerk **Signed**

Date