

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL

Held on 21st September 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 J Brady
Cllr A Brooker
Cllr J Hackett
Cllr K Jones
Cllr H Lewis
Cllr P Lewis
Cllr S Pearce
Cllr B Simister
Cllr R Thomas

Observers Members of the public

2412 Apologies Cllr A Griffiths
Cllr T Moses

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming the two new members, Cllr P Lewis and Cllr R Thomas and said that she was confident that they would make a useful contribution to the Council's deliberations.

2413 Declarations of Interest from Members

The Chairman indicated that these would be offered at the appropriate stage of the meeting.

2414 Questions from Members of the Public

No Correspondence had received.

2515 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a) **Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 27th July 2023.**
Minutes were accepted as a true record.
- b) **Updates on the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th July 2023.**
There were none.
- c) **Extraordinary Meeting held on 30th August 2023**
Minutes were accepted as a true record.
- d) **Updates on the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 30th August 2023.**
The Town Clerk reported that she had posted the Public Notice that afternoon. In response to a suggestion that the lateness of the notice meant that the submission to the auditor's office was flawed, the Town Clerk assured Council all had been submitted correctly.

That the policy be reconsidered at a later date.

2422 Consider the adoption of the NALC revised version of Standing Orders May 2023

It was felt that councillors had not been given sufficient time to study the document and its implications. It was decided that this be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting

2423 Consider matter relating to Portfield Fair.

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Showmen’s Guild seeking support for their case for a better site for the Fair. It was also pointed out that the Fair would be taking place in early October.

Resolved **That support be given for the request for a better site for Portfield Fair. That a reception be held in the Council Chamber after the fair. That up to £500 be allocated for catering.**

2424 Consider a response to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Consultation on their Equality Plan 2020 – 2026.

It was decided that each individual be given the opportunity to respond to this document.

Appointments

Recommended **That Cllr P Lewis serve on the Portfield Recreation Committee.**

Accounts for Payment

Recommended: **That the Accounts for July and August be accepted That clarity be sought from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the lease for the Picton Centre and the money owing.**

2425 Funding Officer: work Plan. Quotation and Service Level Agreement

It was proposed by the Old Wool Market Committee that the services of Mr C Atherton be accepted. This was agreed to by the majority present Cllr R Thomas and Cllr P Lewis abstained from voting. The Town Clerk was thanked for her work for Haverfordwest Town Council.

The Mayor gave an update on the acquisition of new staff and it was decided that a meeting of the Staffing Committee should be held as soon as possible.

Signed **Date**