

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19th December 2019

Present: Councillor B O’Kane (Chairman); Councillor C Arrighi; Councillor E Dinsdale; Councillor G Dinsdale; Councillor R Gill; Councillor C Maudling; Councillor J Rayson; Councillor G Roberts; Councillor C Walmsley

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

1489/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Hayes; Councillor R Redmond; Councillor L Walmsley

1490/19 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Maudling declared an interest in Item 7.
Councillor Rayson declared an interest in Item 7.

IN PRIVATE

1491/19 Prior to the following items of business the Chairman moved the following:-

That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and or press be instructed to withdraw.

RESOLVED – That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and or press be instructed to withdraw.

1492/19 Breakdown of Quotes received for the Grass Cutting and Maintenance of Allotments and Pigeon Loft Sites Contracts

Further to Minutes 1485/19 and 1486/19 the Council considered the breakdown of the figures on the quotes submitted by contractors for the Grass Cutting and Maintenance of Allotments and Pigeon Loft Sites. Following a discussion it was

- i. Proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the contract for the grass cutting be awarded to Copeland Borough Council for 2020/21. A vote was taken by a show of hands and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - that the Grass Cutting Contract be awarded to Copeland Borough Council for 2020/21.

- ii. Proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor C Walmsley that the contract for the Maintenance of the Allotments and Pigeon Loft Sites be awarded to Copeland Borough Council. A vote was taken by a show of hands and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the Contract for the Maintenance of the Allotments and Pigeon Loft Sites be awarded to Copeland Borough Council for 2020/21.

1493/19 Staffing Pay Rise

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk left the room during the discussion and decision on this item.

The Council considered a report on staff pay rises for 2020/2021 which were in line with contracts of employment and the NJC annual increase. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the annual staff incremental pay rises be approved in line with the contracts of employment and the NJC annual increase from 1st April 2020.

RESOLVED – That the annual staff incremental pay rises be approved in line with the contracts of employment and the NJC annual increase from 1st April 2020.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk returned to the meeting

1494/19 Lease From Home Group for Bus Shelters at Mirehouse

Further to Minute 1444/19 it was agreed to site 2 bus shelters at Mirehouse on land belonging to Home Group. The Council considered a report containing Heads of Terms for 10 year leases for both sites with costs of £600 for legal and surveyors fees for each site and at a peppercorn rent. It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the leases be entered into by the Council and the legal and surveyors fees be paid.

RESOLVED – That the Leases be entered into by the Council and the legal and surveyors fees be paid

1495/19

Request for Funding from Whitehaven Christmas Festivities Group

The Council considered a report on a request from the Whitehaven Festivities Group for funding in respect of the Christmas lights switch on. Following a discussion Councillors felt that payment should not be made and a suggestion was made by Councillor O’Kane that CALC’s advice be sought on whether or not a payment could be made and it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Arrighi that the initial decision be no but that a caveat be added that this subject being reported back to the Council.

RESOLVED – That the initial decision be no but that a caveat be added that this be subject to the Council seeking advice from CALC on the matter and this being reported back to the Council.

Councillor Maudling and Councillor Rayson returned to the meeting to be informed of the decision.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm



Minutes Approved at Full Council on 30th January 2020 subject to the Amendment to Minute 1495/19 to read “Councillor Maudling and Councillor Rayson returned to the meeting but Councillor Rayson then left before the Chairman read out the decision”.

Chairman