

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 8th November 2018

Present: Councillors G Roberts (Chairman); Councillor Forster; Councillor Hayes; Councillor Gill; Councillor Kane; Councillor O’Kane; Councillor Maudling; Councillor Rayson; Councillor Walmsley

M Jewell Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V Gorley Trainee Assistant Town Clerk

1143/18 Apologies For Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lowrey

1144/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

1145/18 Public Participation

There was no public participation

1146/18 Update on Events in Whitehaven

- i. The Clerk gave an update report on Events in Whitehaven and said that the previous day there had been a meeting between the Events Advisory Group and Jamie Reed to discuss the events in Whitehaven and in particular the Science event. It was agreed that the timescales were now too short to organise a science event in May 2019 and that it be postponed to 2020 but that the Council would like Sellafield support for this event and any help they could give by loaning exhibits etc. Gerard Richardson said NNL, NSA and Balfour Beatty had expressed some interest in being involved. STEM were also interested in being involved but not in 2019. Jamie Reed said that Sellafield were definitely very interested in being involved and might be able to get the Science Museum to do something. It was recommended that the science event be postponed to 2020 and that the Clerk contact Jamie’s office in January 2019 to arrange a meeting to start the project.



RESOLVED – That the science event be postponed to 2020 and that the Clerk contact Jamie’s office in January 2019 to arrange a meeting to start the project.

- ii. Proposals for other events in Whitehaven in 2019 were discussed and the following points were raised:-
- There can be exhibitions next year in St Nicholas Gardens with photoboards pegged to the ground
 - A gardening event could be organised
 - A low cost event could be arranged eg a competition for children to build the best paper aeroplane
 - A traders event where the stalls are free

RESOLVED – That this be noted.

- iii. **RESOLVED** – That an Events Advisory Group be arranged for next week to discuss some small scale events for 2019 and that an email be sent to all Councillors asking them to submit their ideas for events for next year
- iv. The Christmas lights infrastructure was also discussed following a meeting of the Events Advisory Group earlier that day. The following points had been made at the meeting: _
- The bolts need to be tested next year
 - Some catina wires are getting worn
 - There were a lot of fittings where the rope lights needed replacing including the two “Welcome to Whitehaven” signs
 - A wayleave was needed to take off the old cables and put new cables on.

After inspecting the broken signs in the basement it was recommended that the signs be re-rope and that twelve rolls of rope lighting be purchased in white and blue plus 20 connection kits, 6 tubes of glue and 6 coupler sets at a cost of approximately £1016. This could be taken out of the existing budget of £24,000 for Christmas lights infrastructure, or if that budget has been spent, included in the budget for next year or vired from another budget that is underspent.

RESOLVED – That this recommendation be approved.

1147/18 IN PRIVATE

Prior to the following item of business the Chairman moved the following Resolution

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 the public and press withdraw from the room

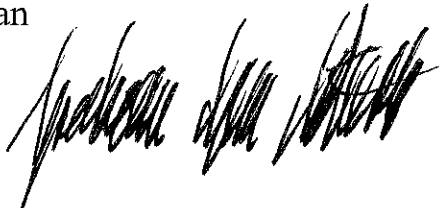
1148/18 **Office Accommodation**

The Council discussed the position with regard to office accommodation. A proposal as to the way forward for the provision of office accommodation was made by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes. It was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the proposal as to the way forward be approved.

The Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen John Hayes', written over a line.