

# WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Present:** Councillors G Roberts (Chairman); J Forster; R Gill; C Hayes; C Maudling; B O’Kane; C Walmsley

M Jewell Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V Gorley Assistant Town Clerk

### **1260/19 Apologies For Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Rayson

### **1261/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **1262/19 Public Participation**

There was no public participation

### **1263/19 CALC Membership**

Further to Minute 1056/18 (iii) it was reported that membership renewal for 2019/2020 had been received and the subscription was £1774.19.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the subscription of £1774.19 for the renewal of CALC membership for 2019/2020 be paid

**RESOLVED** – That the subscription of £1774.19 for the renewal of CALC membership for 2019/2020 be paid.

### **1264/19 Insurance Renewal Quote**

The Council considered a report on the Council’s insurance policy renewal premium.

The Council had entered into a 5 year agreement with Zurich Municipal at discounted rates in 2017 (Minute 665/17 refers).

The renewal premium for the period 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 was £2,453.94. However this did not include recently purchased items and Zurich

Municipal have now submitted a revised quote which is an extra £99.38 making a total of £2,553.32 for the insurance premium.

It was Proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the insurance renewal premium of £2,553.32 be paid to Zurich Municipal.

**RESOLVED** – That the insurance renewal premium of £2,553.32 be paid to Zurich Municipal.

**1265/19**      **Ashtrays on Litter Bins**

The Council considered a report on ashtrays on litter bins in the light of problems that had occurred with the stubbers on the top of the litter bins in Whitehaven. People were stubbing out their cigarettes and then just leaving them on the tops of the bins instead of then putting the stubs into the litter bins. This has resulted in cigarette stubs all over the pavement with some areas being worse than others.

The Council has 36 litter bins in Whitehaven and it was reported that a quote had been received from the supplier of the bins that the cost to remove the stubbers from the tops of all 36 bins and replace them with ashtrays with holes in would be £3,189.32 which included the unit costs and labour/subsistence costs for the suppliers' employees for 2 days' work. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the Council's litter bins on Lowther Street and King Street only have the stubbers removed and replaced with ashtrays with holes in them by the supplier at the pro rata cost in their quote.

**RESOLVED** – That the Council's litter bins on Lowther Street and King Street only have the stubbers removed and replaced with ashtrays with holes in them by the supplier at the pro rata cost in their quote

**1266/19**      **New Lease for Room 3 Whitehaven Civic Hall Whitehaven**

The Council considered a report on the terms and conditions received from CBC for a new Lease of Room 3 in Whitehaven Civic Hall which is the Council's office for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The rent had increased from £1,500.00 per annum to £,1650.00 and the service charge from £785.00 to £860.00 with all other terms and conditions in the original lease remaining the same.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the terms and conditions for a new Lease be accepted and a new lease be entered into with CBC for Room 3 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

**RESOLVED** – That the terms and conditions for a new Lease be accepted and a new Lease be entered into with CBC for Room 3 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

**1267/19**     **IN PRIVATE**

Prior to the following items 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.

This was seconded by Councillor o'Kane

**RESOLVED** – That the public and/or press withdraw from the room

**1268/19**     **Grant Application** – Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project

The Council considered an application from the Whitehaven Harbour Youth Group for a grant of £6600.00 to provide various activities.

Following a discussion two proposals were made by Councillor O'Kane:-

- i. It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Gill that the maximum Council grant of £1,000.00 be awarded to the Harbour Youth Project

**RESOLVED** – That the maximum Council grant of £1,000.00 be awarded to the Harbour Youth Project.

- ii. It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Hayes that each Councillor present at the meeting be requested to give £1,000.00 if possible from their Ward Grants as the Harbour Youth Project benefitted all Wards.

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Ward grant money be given to Whitehaven Harbour Youth Trust as follows:-

Councillor Hayes	£1,000.00
Councillor O'Kane	£1,000.00
Councillor Roberts	£1,000.00
Councillor Forster	£355.00

**1269/19**     **Pigeon Loft Complaint**

It was reported that a complaint had been received about the use of a pigeon loft for keeping/breeding dogs in contravention of the pigeon loft site agreement. Both the complainant and the pigeon loft tenant had been interviewed separately by the Allotments Advisory Group. Councillor Forster was the only member on the Allotment Advisory Group able to attend to hear what the parties had to say. Councillor Forster's gave a report to the Council and her recommendation to the



Council was that she considered that there was insufficient evidence to say that dogs were being kept/bred on the pigeon loft site and that therefore no further action be taken.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the recommendation be approved and no further action be taken.

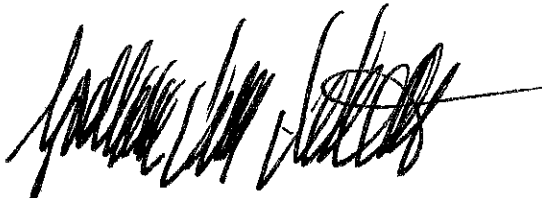
**RESOLVED** – That no further action be taken

**1270/19**      **Defamation Bullying and Harrassment**

The Council discussed recent incidents of defamation bullying and harassment . It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor O’Kane that the legalities of a certain course of action be investigated with CBC and the Council’s contracted solicitors as to the way forward.

**RESOLVED** – That the legalities of a certain course of action be investigated with CBC and the Council’s contracted solicitors as to the way forward.

The Meeting closed at 7.00pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John J. O'Connell', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman