

# WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

### **1459/19 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gill, Councillor L Walmsley

### **1460/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1461/19 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **IN PRIVATE**

### **1462/19** 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.

**1463/19**      **Office Accommodation**

Further to Minute 1458/19 the Chairman reported that the 3 quotes received for the Provision of Architectural Services in relation to the development of Council's new offices, the former Whitehaven News Building on Queen Street, Whitehaven had been discussed and evaluated by the Steering Group on Office Accommodation on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. He informed the Council that the Steering Group had scored the 3 quotes received on a scale of 1-5 on the five stated criteria. Contractor A scored 124, Contractor B 72 and Contractor C 103 and following this the Steering Group had made a recommendation to Council that the quote from Contractor A be accepted in the sum of £22,500.00 plus VAT.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the quote from Contractor A be accepted and Contractor A be appointed. A vote by a show of hands took place and 8 Councillors voted for the proposal and 1 Councillor abstained and Councillor Arrighi wished it to be recorded that she also abstained.

**RESOLVED** – That the quote from Contractor A be accepted and Contractor A be appointed.

**1464/19**      **Defibrillators**

The Council were informed that 6 quotes had been sought for the installation of 5 defibrillators and only 2 had been received. A request had also been put on Cumbria Exchange but there had been no response. It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the quote of £1,400.00 exclusive of VAT be accepted and that the contractor be requested to install the defibrillators by the end of January 2020.

**RESOLVED** – That the quote of £1400.00 exclusive of VAT be accepted and that the contractor be requested to install the defibrillators by the end of January 2020.

The Meeting closed at 6.45pm



Chairman