

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of a Meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Working Party held 12 July 2021

Following the government's decision to revoke the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 on 7th May 2021, the council has decided it is not safe to meet face to face. As it is not able to meet using virtual platforms (e.g Zoom) it is also unable to discharge its obligation under Open and Accountable Government to ensure transparency by providing public participation. The council has therefore agreed to continue meeting but in the form of a working party.

The working party meeting will be held to the same standard as a committee but any decision taken at a working party meeting does not constitute a lawful decision of council - the Council has delegated all decisions to Chair of Council, Deputy Chair and Chairs of Environment & Town and Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committees (4 Councillors) and the Clerk - Resolution C20/180 26/4/2021

All delegated decisions will be reported in line with guidelines for Open and Accountable Government (Openness of Local Government Bodies 2014).

FBP21/14 Present: Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllr G Gratton and Cllr C Whittall

In attendance:

1 member of public and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

FBP21/15 Apologies for Absence: Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr C Foster Philips

FBP21/16 Variation in Order of Business: None

FBP21/17 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:
None Declared

FBP21/18 Monthly Budget Balance

The clerk advised that the figures were being reviewed to ensure all balances had correctly applied from the previous year end

FBP21/19 Memorial Hall Letting

A tenant who also hires the kitchen on the basis of occasional lets has expressed interest in taking storage space in the kitchen (for an agreed fee). Previously a similar arrangement has been made with Town Hall Events group. This change would provide the potential to release for reletting the space currently being used as leased storage in one of the Memorial Hall offices.

REC that the change be made to maximise the revenue generated from the venue.

FBP21/20 Memorial Bench Policy

An amendment has been made to the policy to cover “benches offered as a donation to the community”.

REC that revised policy be adopted.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Chairman