

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 27th March 2023 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, P Blaine, J Hewitt, R Lacey, A Lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Pettitt (Chair), M Scott, P Sharman, S Sutton, and N Thompson.

Absent: Cllrs J Ivanciu-Wilkinson and L Ivanciu-Wilkinson

In attendance: Mrs. N Sewell (Clerk)

		Action
1	Apologies for Absence (208 – 2022/2023) Apologies were received from Cllrs J Ivanciu-Wilkinson and L Ivanciu-Wilkinson and Ward Councillors Ford and Stock.	Admin
2	Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations number (209- 2022/2023) <i>i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None</i> <i>ii) Non Pecuniary Interests – None</i> <i>iii) Dispensations – None</i>	Admin
3	Public Participation Session (210 - 2022/2023) No members of the public were present.	
4	Minutes of previous Town Council Meeting (211 - 2022/2023) RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the previous meeting of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 6 th March 2023 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.	Admin
5	Jenkins Pavilion Development Project (212 – 2022/2023) Members received a verbal update from Cllr Pettitt. CBC had presented two contracts one from PowerNetworks to move cables and one from Anglia Water to move a sewer, which needed to be signed by the landowner before works at the site could commence. Cllr Pettitt reported to Members that having reviewed the documents the Clerk and members of the Jenkins Pavilion Development Project Working Group had raised concerns with CBC regarding certain financial and liability elements, which if included within these contracts, when signed could potentially fall to the Town Council.	

CBC had agreed to provide a letter of understanding that would indemnify STC against all financial and other liabilities during the works. A letter had been sent that afternoon to STC from CBC which was circulated to Members prior to the meeting. However, as the letter had come from the project team rather than CBC's legal team the working group felt that further reassurance was required before anything could be signed.

It was RESOLVED to seek a more comprehensive letter of understanding (comfort) from CBC before further action could be agreed.

Town Clerk

6 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting. **(213 -2022/2023)**

7 Freedom of the Town (214 – 2022/2023)

Members received a nomination from Cllr Scott for the Freedom of the Town to be awarded to Mr Paul Barrows for the remarkable service he had undertaken for Sandy and its residents over many years.

It was RESOLVED to award the Freedom of the Town to Mr Barrows. Mr Barrows would be invited to receive the honour at the Annual Town meeting to be held on 24th April 2023.

Clerk

8 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting. **(215 - 2022/2023)**

9 Chairman's Items (216 - 2022/2023)

There were none

10 Date of next meeting

17th April 2023

Annual Town Meeting

24th April 2023

Meeting closed at 19.25