

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY
9TH MAY 2022 AT THE CIVIC HALL POYNTON

PRESENT

Mayor: Cllr L Podmore

Cllrs: P Bailey, M Beanland, M Blackie, K Booth, L A Clarke, P Oakes, M Sewart, T Swatridge, J Waterhouse, K Woolley

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Town Clerk) and K McDowell (Deputy Clerk)

91. To note, if anyone attending, or present, at the committee meeting is making, or intends to make, an audio recording or film of the meeting.

The Mayor confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of minute taking and the recording is deleted when the draft minutes are agreed. There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

92. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

93. Apologies for absence

Cllrs: D Belcher, Mrs. Sarah-Jane Gilmore, S Lees, Mrs. J Saunders, Mrs. J Sewart, Ms. H Whitaker, and Mrs. N Wylie.

94. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations

95. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th February 2022

Reference to page 141-line 75, Mayor's charity event with a t on the end.

The Clerk provided a verbal update on Jubilee preparations.

Resolved: Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th February 2022 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

96. To receive and consider the business case and the application to seek borrowing approval from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The Mayor invited questions and comments in relation to the business case and application for permission to borrow.

A member asked whether consideration had been given to increasing the size of the radiators in the building to ensure that it would work with a heat pump in the future. The Mayor informed the meeting that an air source heat pump wouldn't work in the building without significant thermal efficiencies being made.

It was noted that solar panels have been considered. It is likely that the boilers specified would be 20 % hydrogen mix ready.

The Clerk assured the committee that when the final tender documents arrive they will be shared with the working group who will check all the final specifications.

A revised programme of works had been provided by the architect. The prestart date is scheduled to be the 18th July for 2 weeks with construction beginning on the 1st August through to the 17th October. Construction on the hall would commence 1st August to the 29th August. Works on the hall would need to be finished by the end of August.

Resolved: The business case and application form are received (NC)

97. To approve the application for borrowing approval from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a Public Works loan of £160,000 over the borrowing term of 20 years to refurbish Poynton Civic Hall. The annual loan payments will come in around £10,290 and for the Mayor to sign the application form.

The Mayor requested confirmation that he would not be personally liable for the loan. The Clerk confirmed that by signing the application to borrow he would not incur personal liability for the loan.

Resolved: To seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan of £160,000 over the borrowing term of 20 years for the refurbishment of the Civic Hall. The annual repayments will come in around £10,290. (NC)

Resolved: It is not intended to increase the Council tax precept for the purpose of loan repayments (NC)

98. To approve communication messages

To publicise the resolution for the application for borrowing approval

Meeting end time 07.50pm

Signed by Mayor:

Dated:

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