

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 9 October 2012 at 7.00 pm in the former Luncheon club dining room, Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG.

Councillors Present: K Birch R Ivory
B Bunning L McCarthy –Vice Chairman
P Cooper –Chairman A Osborn
K Gilbert R Turner
M Holmes M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

85 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Rogers, Crabtree, J P McCarthy and Blackmore

86 INTERESTS

Councillor Holmes declared both a personal and disclosable pecuniary interest in item 93 as a trustee of the Wayland Hall Luncheon Club.

87 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

88 URGENT BUSINESS

88.1 PLANNING APPLICATION

The office had received an invitation from a resident of Ovington to attend a meeting on Wednesday 17 October at Ovington Village Hall, to discuss the planning Application for a Travellers site on the B1075, between Shipdham and Watton.

It was agreed that if Members wished to attend that they do so as private individuals and not as Councillors of Watton Town Council.

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Due to the reduction of plans for Watton, the Chairman proposed that in future plans were added as an agenda item to a full Council meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman's proposal be adopted for a trial period until the AGM in May 2013.

89 LOCH NEATON CONTRACT

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Turner and agreed that the Loch Neaton contract between Loch Neaton and the Council continue for a further 4 years.

90 EQUIPMENT FOR CHAMBER

Councillor Ivory explained how a hearing loop worked and offered to connect one in the new Council Chamber.

It was proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Gilbert and agreed that Councillor Ivory fit a hearing loop in the Council Chamber for a trial period.

Members also discussed the use of microphones and agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk use microphones from the platform, and that two roaming microphones be used by Members if needed.

Councillor Ivory was asked to look at the costs and how the chamber could be fitted with a projector and screens to assist in presentations.

91 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATION

The Clerk had previously issued Members with the new revised Grounds Maintenance specification.

It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Bunning and

RESOLVED

That the revised Ground \Maintenance Specification be approved for tender.

92 TOWN AMBULANCE RUNNING

The Chairman informed Members that since the closure of the Luncheon Club, there was minimum use of the Town Ambulance.

It was agreed that other avenues for elderly and disabled be looked at, remembering that the vehicle could not be used as a taxi.

Councillor Holmes asked if there were any restrictions on who could travel on the vehicle, The Clerk confirmed that the use of the vehicle was restricted to the elderly and the disabled.

93 LUNCHEON CLUB MURAL

The Chairman informed Members that the Luncheon Club mural had now been framed.

It was agreed that the Council would pay for the framing of the mural at the cost of £474.00

94 CO-OPTION INTERVIEW DATE

Questions regarding the legal process of co-option were asked and the Clerk and Councillor Wassell were asked to contact the monitoring Officer for clarification.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held on Tuesday 6 November 2012 to discuss the applications received.

The Meeting ended 7:53 pm

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