



Minutes of Bridgwater Town Council held in the Bridgwater Room, Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3AS on Thursday 6 June 2024 at 10:00

Present:

Councillors, Mander (Chair), Loveridge, Pearce, Redman, Slocombe, and Solomon.

Officers:

David Mears, CEO and Town Clerk, Scott Mason, Director of Amenities, Lorna Williams, Facilities Manager, Beccy Armory, Arts Centre and Town Hall Manager, David Moreno, Open Spaces Supervisor, Amy Storey, Democratic Services Officer, and Natasha Williams, PA to Director of Amenities.

There were no members of the press or public present.

AMC2024/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Apologies were received from Cllr Lilley

AMC2024/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

RESOLVED: No declarations of interest were received.

AMC2024/3 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF AMENITIES AND TO AGREE:

Cllr Redman would like to thank all Staff for the work that has been done.

Cllr Slocombe asked why there was an underspend on equipment. The Town Clerk confirmed that they had made savings due to leasing equipment as opposed to purchasing equipment.

Cllr Pearce asked if the Friarn Avenue Unit could be rented out. Scott confirmed that it would need to be used for storage as the Town Council expands.



Cllr Loveridge asked if all of our Grass cutting operatives wore PPE. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Operatives wear PPE and the Town Council have purchased equipment which would reduce splash back also.

RESOLVED: No further questions were received and to note the report.

AMC2024/3.1 TO SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL LEASE FOR PREMISES AT UNIT 5 – AXE ROAD AND TO AUTHORISE THE DIRECTOR OF AMENITIES TO PROGRESS.

RESOLVED: To agree to support the additional lease for premises at Unit 5, Axe Road and to authorise the Director of Amenities to progress.

AMC2024/4 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

RESOLVED: To note the report from the Environmental Manager.

AMC2024/5 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE REPORT FROM THE TOWN HALL AND ARTS CENTRE MANAGER AND TO AGREE:

RESOLVED: To note the report from the Town Hall and Arts Centre Manager.

AMC2024/5.1 THE PROPOSED PRICE RISES IN THE BAR RANGE – SEE FIGURE 1 OF THE REPORT: PINK COLUMNS AND TO DELEGATE FUTURE BAR PRICING TO THE BAR MANAGER.

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed prices rises in the Bar range and to delegate future bar pricing to the Bar Manager.

AMC2024/6 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES MANAGER

RESOLVED: To note the report from the Facilities Manager.

AMC2024/7 FINANCE - TO NOTE THE YEAR TO DATE BUDGET FOR THE AMENITIES DIRECTORATE AS OF 30 MAY 2024

RESOLVED: To note the Year to Date Budget for the Amenities Directorate as of 30 May 2024.



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The Chairman closed the meeting at **11:11**

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