



Chepstow Town Council

Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of Chepstow Town Council held via Zoom remote meetings on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

Chairman: Tom Kirton (Town Mayor)

Councillors: A Braund, H Beach, J Becker, J Brews, C Duchet, Y Havard
N Heywood, P Pavia, T Redhead, D Rooke, M Brady, A Watts

Apologies: P Hobson

In Attendance: Lucy Allen (Town Clerk)
Karen Pearce (Administrative Officer)

Members held a minute's silence in honour of sitting Councillor David Dovey following his sad passing today. A number of members paid tribute to a true gentleman and champion of Chepstow who will be a huge loss to the community.

With the consent of the members present it was resolved to only consider urgent items and for all other items be deferred to an extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3rd February 2021 at 7pm.

79. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

Cllr J Becker declared a non-prejudicial interest under **Item 95 (g) Emergency Crisis Funding grant application from the Dell School PTA** as a governor of the school.

Cllr J Brews declared a non-prejudicial interest under **Item 95 (g) Emergency Crisis Funding grant application from the Covid 19 Helping Group** as a volunteer of the group.

Cllr J Brews declared a prejudicial interest under **Item 95 (h) Community Grant Funding Requests grant application from the Bridge Church Group** as a member of the Church.

Cllr P Pavia declared a non-prejudicial interest under **Item 95 (g) Emergency Crisis Funding grant application from the Covid 19 Helping Group** as a volunteer of the group.

80. Mayoral Announcements

None.

81. Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of Full Council held on 25th November 2020 and the extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on 6th January 2021 were confirmed and will be signed as a true record at the next available opportunity.

82. Matters Arising

Members received and noted the Clerk's update on matters arising from the previous meeting.

83. Committees

a) Planning and Administration Committee

1. Minutes of the Planning and Administration Committee meeting held on 25th November, 9th December 2020 and the draft minutes of 13th January 2021.

In addition, Members received an update on the following:

Place Plan - the online consultation will go live on 1st March 2021;

Planning Training – all members advised to undertake the training to assist with the Place Plan;
MCC Growth and Spatial Plan – that the Planning and Administration Committee recommended Growth Option 5. Population Led and Spatial Option 2 - To distribute growth proportionately across the County's most Sustainable Settlements

Resolved

Received the minutes of the Planning and Administration Committee meeting held on 25th November, 9th December 2020 and the draft minutes of 13th January 2021.

b) Environment and Amenities Committee

The draft minutes of the Environment and Amenities Committee meeting held on 13th January 2021.

Resolved

Received the draft minutes of the Environment and Amenities Committee meeting held on 13th January 2021.

c) Drill Hall Management Committee

Members considered correspondence from the Drill Hall CIO with a statement of conditions in regards the Community Asset Transfer.

Resolved

To accept the statement of conditions in regards the Community Asset Transfer of the Drill Hall and to make the transfer a priority piece of work for the Town Council.

86. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales - Review of County Electoral Arrangements for Monmouthshire - Draft Proposals

Members considered a response to the draft proposals on the review of County Electoral Arrangements for Monmouthshire.

Resolved

Members agreed to defer consider of this item until the next meeting and request further information and mapping documents to aid the decision.

95. Finance

(g) Emergency Crisis Grant Funding

Members considered applications received under the Emergency Crisis Grant Funding from:
Chepstow Covid-19 Helping Group
The Dell School PTA

Resolved:

To agree the following Emergency Crisis Grant Funding applications:

Covid 19 Helping Group - £1,000 to assist with the provision of food supplies (*Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015*)

The Dell School PTA - £30,000 to assist the cluster schools in Chepstow in providing many families, who have been deeply impacted by the covid crisis, with the resources to reduce social isolation, support mental health and wellbeing, support digital exclusion and help with the lack of provision for warm winter clothing and footwear. This funding whilst applied for by The Dell School PTA will be distributed to all schools in the wards of Chepstow (*Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015*).

(h) Community Grant Funding Requests

Members considered Community Grant applications received from:
The Bridge Church
Severn Bridge Park Run.

Resolved

To agree the following Community Grant Funding requests:

The Bridge Church - £6,289 which covers the costs of the building, cupboards, fittings and equipment costs (*Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015*).

Not to approve the application from the Severn Bridge Park Run for the installation of a storage unit until further clarification has been sought in regards to land owner permission and security arrangements.

The remaining agenda items will be considered at an extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday, 6th February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom online meetings.

CLOSE: This completed the business of the meeting at 8.00pm.

SIGNED CHAIR PERSON: _____

DATE: _____