

KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of the Keighley Town Council held in the Main Hall, Keighley Civic Centre on Friday, 20th December 2019

Present: Councillors: Corkindale, Mayor
Ahmed
Anayat
Chapman
Cooper
S Mahmood
A Walker
Westerman
Adams
Akhtar
Bernardini
Clarkson
Fletcher
Nazam
M Walker

Also Present: Christine Eastbury, Deputy Town Clerk
Reverend Dr Jonathan Pritchard
Nichola Powell, Minute Taker

071/2019 (TC) Fire Safety Announcement

A fire safety announcement was given at the start of the meeting and there was no fire drill scheduled to take place during the meeting.

072/2019 (TC) Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive apologies from:

- Councillor Curtis, previous commitment
- Councillor Dowse, previous commitment
- Councillor Graham, previous commitment
- Councillor Herd, previous commitment
- Councillor Maunsell, illness
- Councillor M Shaw, previous commitment
- Councillor P Shaw, illness
- Councillor Shohid, annual leave
- Councillor Thorne, illness
- Councillor Wrench, previous commitment

073/2019 (TC) Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: There were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and the relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 from Members or Officers.

074/2019 (TC) Public Question Time and Participation

No members of the public had asked any questions about items on the agenda.

075/2019 (TC) Town Mayor

The Mayor informed members he had made a number of visits since the last meeting namely to the local Mosque, Airedale Hospital, Norwood Care Home and had attended the Civic Carol Service.

076/2019 (TC) Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th November, 2019 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair with the addition of Councillor Adams in the list of apologies.

077/2019 (TC) Reports from District Councillors and Invited Guests

There were no District Councillors or invited guests present.

078/2019 (TC) Committee Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the following minutes and the recommendations contained therein:

- Planning - Tuesday, 3rd December 2019
- Finance & Audit - Wednesday, 4th December 2019
- Civic Centre & Strategy - Thursday, 5th December 2019
- Public Meeting - Wednesday, 11th December 2019

079/2019 (TC) Election of Deputy Mayor

RESOLVED that Councillor Anayat be elected as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year. *15 votes for and 1 against.*

080/2019 (TC) Christmas Break

The Mayor informed members that the offices would be closed to members of the public from 1.00pm on the 24th December to 9.00am on the 2nd January 2020.

081/2019 (TC) Town Clerk

The Mayor informed members that Joseph (Joe) Cooney had been successful in securing the position of Town Clerk and would be commencing on Monday, 6th January 2020 on a 6 month probationary period.

082/2019 (TC) Committee Budgets

The Mayor informed members that Bradford MDC had notified the Council that they required the precept figure from Keighley Town Council by Friday, 24th January 2020, therefore, Chairs of all Committees were requested to review their budgets and submit any bids to the office by close of play on Friday 17th January 2020. He also informed members that all budgets would be issued by the end of December 2019 but as there would be no increase in the forthcoming precept Chairs should request similar figures to 2019/20.

083/2019 (TC) Any Items for Discussion for Future Agenda

None.

084/2019 (TC) Reports from Town Councillors

Councillor Westerman informed members that the Pensioners and Vulnerable Adults Christmas Lunches had been well attended and thanked all Councillors, on behalf of the Events & Leisure Committee, for their assistance at all events. He was also due to meet with Pulse Radio and Keighley News to give an update on all events.

Following a recent meeting of Long Lee Community questions had been raised to the Chair of the Watch & Transport Committee regarding when the CCTV cameras, which had been approved in 2018/19, would be installed. Unfortunately the Chair could not confirm when this would take place. Councillor Westerman expressed his frustration that no further information could be furnished given the length of time since approval.

085/2019 (TC) Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED to note that the date of the next scheduled meeting of this committee will be Thursday, 23rd January 2020 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall.

The Revd Dr Jonathan Pritchard addressed members with his Christmas message and gave the Council his blessing.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19.15.

Signed Date
Chair