

KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of the Keighley Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall on Wednesday, 28th August 2019

Present: Councillors: Corkindale, Mayor
Abberton
Adams
Ahmed
Akhtar
Ali
Anayat
Bernardini
Clarkson
Cooper
Curtis
Fletcher
Graham
Herd
Maunsell
Nazam
M Shaw
Shohid
Thorne
M Walker
Westerman
Wrench
Zubair

Also Present: Christine Eastby, Deputy Town Clerk
Nichola Powell, Minute Taker

034/2019 (TC) Fire Safety Announcement

A fire safety announcement was made.

035/2019 (TC) Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive apologies from:

- Councillor Dowse, work commitments
- Councillor Kirby, unwell
- Councillor P Shaw, unwell
- Councillor A Walker, personal commitments

036/2019 (TC) Guest Speaker from MEND - Muslim Engagement and Development

The Mayor informed members that due to work commitments the representative from MEND was unable to attend and address the meeting.

037/2019 (TC) Public Question Time and Participation

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

038/2019 (TC) Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25th July, 2019 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

039/2019 (TC) Civic Centre Roof Update and Request for Additional Funding

The Chair of the Civic Centre & Strategy Committee informed members that the cost of completing the roof repairs and the additional pointing to the 2 x chimney stacks would be an additional £11,000. Members of the Committee had discussed obtaining quotations for the additional works but agreed that if the scaffolding which was currently erected had to be

removed and then reinstated it would delay the works and would also increase the price of the quotations. Therefore, members had agreed that the most cost effective option was to engage the current contractors to undertake the additional works.

RESOLVED that the roof repairs are completed at an additional cost of up to £11,000.
17 for - 0 against - 4 abstentions due to not following the correct procedure.

040/2019 (TC) To Consider an Amendment to Standing Orders based on YLCA and NALC Advice

This issue had been raised due to the confusion regarding Councillors attending Committees they were not member of. The current Standing Order 3c states "..... The public's exclusion from part of all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion, however, this exclusion does not apply to non committee Councillors."

There was a suggestion that the part of the sentence from however be suspended whilst clarification was sought regarding whether this exclusion should also include non committee Councillors.

The Major informed members that the Standing Orders of 2016 did not include this wording but it had been agreed that for clarification the wording be added. However, there had been an issue with a number of public attending meetings leading to committees being abandoned so it had been agreed that this sentence be reinstated in 2018. Unfortunately the bold type face had been added at a later date which was an error. He also informed members that he had checked legislation and he could not find any confirmation of the wording.

Members discussed the issue of making resolutions on issues which they were not fully appraised of if they were not able to attend all committee meetings, including HR.

RESOLVED that Standing Order 3c remain unchanged whilst the YLCA representatives seek clarification from NALC.

Members were reminded that they all have a legal duty of confidentiality and if they attend meetings they are not members of they should not disclose the issues discussed. Standing Order 2 also states that the Chair of committees has the right to remove people from meetings if they are behaving disorderly.

041/2019 (TC) Motions to Full Council

a) Motion Moved on Notice by Councillor Anayat in Relation to Kashmir

The following motion is put to Keighley Town Council:

Councillors Anayat and Akhtar ask Keighley Town Council to stand in solidarity with the Kashmiri people condemning the actions of the Indian Government and further to call on the British Government to exercise its moral and historical obligation to mediate towards a peaceful resolution for the Kashmiri citizens.

b) Motion Moved on Notice by Councillor Corkindale

RESOLVED that the proposed letter regarding the impact of the India/Kashmir crisis be sent to the Right Hon Dominic Raab MP, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Mayor said that Keighley Town Council will always stand in solidarity of those who are oppressed.

042/2019 (TC) Any Items for Discussion for Future Agenda

- Guest speaker from MEND - Muslim Engagement and Development

043/2019 (TC) Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: to note that the date of the next scheduled meeting of this committee will be Thursday, 26th September 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19.20.

Signed Date
Chair