

MINUTES

At the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held on Microsoft TEAMS on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 19.00hrs.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors: Bates, Bazan, Beaver, Blackmore, Blakemore, Brice, Bryant, Cavill, Drewett, Fuller (In the Chair), Hill, Hoar, Kirk, Oldrieve, Palmen, Piazza and Whiffen.

Officers: Mr L. Allan (Town Clerk/RFO), Mrs A Quick (Minutes), Mrs J Weimar (Head of Resources & Venues), Mr P Weimar (Civic Centre Manager).

Public: 3

Press: 1

Cllr Fuller thanked all for attending this meeting. Cllr Palmen expressed the sad news of the loss Gary Baker from Nub News. Sincere condolences were sent to his family.

3424 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3425 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) There were no declarations of interest.

b) There were no Dispensation Requests received by the Town Clerk and not previously considered.

3426 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no questions from the public.

3427 MOTION: 2101031734 CIVIC CENTRE VACCINE VENUE

The Council considered a MOTION proposed by Cllr Piazza, seconded by Cllr Bazan.

MOTION: That Trowbridge Town Council contracts and offers the Civic Centre venue to NHS England for use of vaccinating the population of Trowbridge and surrounding villages for free.

Cllr Palmen fully supports this motion and states local medical organisations have already been approached by TTC Officers. Cllr Whiffen is against the motion as it is a multi-million pound organisation being funded by the residents of Trowbridge. Cllr Brice questioned whether there will be a need for this as vaccinations are currently underway. Cllr Hoar supports this motion as we are in middle of a pandemic. Cllr Cavill believes the town subsidising this is wrong therefore he supports Cllr Whiffen. Cllr Kirk states that in a global pandemic we should be doing all we can to help. Cllr Bryant asked whether there are any costings to consider? Town Clerk states there are no costings until the NHS has agreed there is a demand for the venue. Cllr Fuller highlights that we would be putting our staff at risk which needs to be considered. J. Weimar highlighted that the Civic Manager wrote to Trowbridge Health Centre, Lovemead and surrounding practices in November, offering the venue for the Covid vaccination programme but this offer wasn't taken up. A letter was also sent out on 6th January to Trowbridge Health Centre, Wingfield and Lovemead. A response was only received from Lovemead stating they would be in touch if necessary. Regarding costings, the impact would be bringing staff off furlough to service this. Cllr Beaver would vote against this proposal as it would be setting a bad precedent for the future. Cllr Cavill suggest that another meeting could be called if there was an emergency in the future but he will currently vote against this motion. Cllr Whiffen highlights that this crisis could go on for two years so TTC would need to accept the need to fund it for this long. Cllr Oldrieve proposed an amendment to the motion, in that the decision could be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Leader. Cllr Piazza highlighted the very high Covid numbers and states this is an emergency so we need to do whatever is necessary regardless of cost. The situation is changing continuously and we need to have this option in place

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going forward. A request for Car Park Marshalls has been put out from Lovemead so it would be good to support this. Cllr Bryant is concerned this is double taxation with TTC funding this. Cllr Cavill is content with the amendment.

Amendments to clarify which organisations this applies to and the need to delegate to the Town Clerk were accepted by the proposer and seconder.

A recorded vote was taken; 16 in favour, 1 against (Cllr Whiffen)

RESOLVED: To delegate to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Leader to determine on confirmation of requirements: That Trowbridge Town Council contracts and offers the Civic Centre venue to NHS England NHS England/Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG/ Lovemead Group Practice/Trowbridge Health Centre for use of vaccinating the population of Trowbridge and surrounding villages for free for Coronavirus vaccination.

3428 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Full Council on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

3429 MEDIA RELEASES
RESOLVED to approve: press/social media release of this motion.

Meeting Closed at 19.24

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