

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Corn Exchange Meeting
Held on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7:07pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr C Stevens – Chairman of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr H White
Cllr P Clark
Cllr K Herbert
Cllr E Bray

Cllr H Mieville – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr R Carter
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr A Cross

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown (Press)

Operations Manager

IN ATTENDANCE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Kate Pinnock (Ingham Pinnock Associates)

Ross Ingham (Ingham Pinnock Associates)

1. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr P Osborne
Cllr L Hitchings

Cllr C Jacques

3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None had been submitted.

4. MINUTES OF THE CORN EXCHANGE MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2022

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

5. TO CONSIDER EXPENDITURE APPROVAL FOR:

5.1 Lighting in the Corn Exchange

The paper was noted (See Appendix A).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves retrospective expenditure for the 12 uplighter light fittings in the main hall at a cost of £1,900 + VAT using funds from the Corn Exchange Building and Maintenance budget line 5206 (Expenditure Authority: Localism Act 2011 s1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

5. **TO CONSIDER EXPENDITURE APPROVAL FOR: (cont)**

5.2 **Additional CCTV coverage for the rear of the Town Hall due to unauthorised access**

The paper was noted (See Appendix B).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves the installation of an additional CCTV camera at a cost of £741.67 + VAT using budget line 5206 Corn Exchange Building and Maintenance (Expenditure Authority: Localism Act 2011 s1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

6. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM INGHAM PINNOCK ASSOCIATES (IPA)**

Ross Ingham (IPA) updated Councillors on the following stages of the project:

Design & Planning

- Professional team all now in place and work is ongoing
- Draft Heritage Statement has been prepared
- 1st Design Team Meeting with contractors complete, all parties are gathering data and undertaking research
- Session with councillors to resolve issue of environmental sustainability with M&E engineers to be arranged shortly
- Application for loft hatch due to be prepared in the next few weeks
- Intrusive survey (opening of the panelling) complete

PR and comms

- March 2022 Community Expo complete – the display posters remain on display in the Corn Exchange
- Press-release about uncovering the tiles and the call for historic images has been issued

Funding and finance

William Williams

- Positive discussion with Trustees
- Likely application in June/July
- Any grant would be subject to planning

Pilgrim Trust

- Stage 1 application for £20,000 approved
- Stage 2 application for submission in June

Dorset Council Capital Leverage Fund

- Up to £25,000
- Application to be submitted in May
- Awaiting further discussion re: s106 funding

Wolfson Foundation

- Stage 1 application due for submission in June (deadline 1st July)
- Stage 2 application deadline of 1st September if invited
- Potential value of £50,000

Budget

- All work commissioned thus far is within the budget allocated to get to planning
- Currently forecasting a small surplus which will be likely be called upon for surveys and additional de-risking

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM INGHAM PINNOCK ASSOCIATES (IPA) (CONT)

Councillors posed questions to IPA and a discussion was held on ground source heat pumps and this will be fully discussed with the M&E engineers at a meeting with councillors to consider all the options.

The Chairman thanked IPA for their presentation.

The following item was not on the agenda, but was brought to Councillors' attention, due to timescales and the necessary insurance arrangements required.

7. TO CONSIDER THE LOAN OF THE BASTARD BROTHER PORTRAITS

The Town Clerk advised that Blandford Forum Parish Church has requested the loan of the Bastard brother portraits for a school visit to the church on 23 and 24 June 2022.

Following a discussion, Cllr Lacey-Clarke proposed to suspend standing orders that was seconded by Cllr Holmes, due to timing, to enable the Clerk to respond to the church.

It was PROPOSED by Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council agrees to the loan of the Bastard brother portraits to the Blandford Forum Parish Church on 23 and 24 June for display during a session with The Blandford School Year 8 pupils, subject to suitable insurance cover, and the portraits not being stored at the church overnight.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Stevens proposed, and Cllr Quayle seconded, that Standing Orders were reinstated.

The meeting closed at 7:58pm.

SIGNED

DATED