

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Corn Exchange Meeting
Held on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7:00pm online using Microsoft Teams

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Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman
Cllr P Clark
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr A Cross
Cllr C Jacques

Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr H White
Cllr R Carter
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr J Stayt

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Kate Pinnock (Ingham Pinnock Associates)
Malcolm Simmonds, Architect

Operations Manager
Ross Ingham (Ingham Pinnock Associates)
Nicci Brown

10. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

11. APOLOGIES

None

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

None had been submitted.

13. MINUTES OF THE CORN EXCHANGE MEETING HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (14 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED. The minutes will be signed at the earliest opportunity.

14. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- 14.1 Hirings – The complex remains closed to the public during the national lockdown.
- 14.2 Lobby Glazing – The glazing company have visited the site on 20th January 2021 to measure up for the replacement glazing.
- 14.3 Historic England – The funding application for £4,000 contribution to the replacement lobby glazing was successful and £3,000 (75% of the grant) has already been received.

Cllr S Hitchings noted his thanks to the Town Clerk for submitting the application, with encouragement and support from IPA.

15. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM INGHAM PINNOCK ASSOCIATES AND THE DESIGN TEAM

Ross Ingham presented a summary of work carried out to date and the results from the online survey that was advertised in the Forum Focus and via social media.

15. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM INGHAM PINNOCK ASSOCIATES AND THE DESIGN TEAM (cont.)**

The architect, Malcolm Simmonds talked councillors through the photos and sketch plans, which now hold more detail than the original sketches approved by councillors last year.

Cllr White raised concerns about capacity in the council chamber for council meetings and it was suggested that the town hall would be required for bigger meetings.

Cllr Carter asked about the original plan to glaze in the Shambles and the design team explained that this was not a priority for this project. He also asked about relocating the items stored in the two store rooms in the Shambles and the architect explained that more storage is being created elsewhere. Cllr L Hitchings asked where the tables and chairs would be stored and the space being created where the existing ladies toilets are can be used as well as under the stage.

Cllrs S Hitchings queried if the lobby glazing area would be amended as part of these plans and the architect confirmed that it will remain in place.

Cllr Stevens asked that a changing space is included in the lobby area for disabled adults, not just an accessible toilet. The design team advised that this will considerably reduce the number of toilets, but they will look into this.

8:30pm – Cllr Stayt left the meeting.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED unanimously that

The design team is asked to look into the possibility of making the stage area accessible and usable by all members of the community, including the disabled.

The Chairman thanked the design team for their excellent presentation.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

SIGNED

DATED