

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Corn Exchange Meeting
Held on Monday 17th May 2021 at 7:00pm online using Microsoft Teams

DRAFT
Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

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

Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr H White
Cllr R Carter
Cllr C Jacques
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Kate Pinnock (Ingham Pinnock Associates)
Nicci Brown

Operations Manager
Ross Ingham (Ingham Pinnock Associates)

The Chairman of Council, Cllr L Hitchings noted that Councillors had been invited to the meeting and not summoned, due to the Scheme of Delegation that is currently in place. Although Councillors are not required to propose, second and vote on an item, this is recommended in order to provide the clerk with a clear steer for decision-making.

1. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr P Osborne
Cllr P Clark

Cllr J Stayt
Malcolm Simmonds (Architect)

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

None had been submitted.

4. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Meeting with Historic England – IPA arranged a meeting with Historic England, architect, Malcom Simmonds and council officers on Tuesday 4th May 2021, which IPA will update Councillors on at the meeting.

4.2 Town Hall Façade Lighting – The scaffolding was erected on Wednesday 28th April 2021 and the contractor started work on the architectural lighting scheme on Tuesday 4th May 2021. Invoices will then be sent to the Dorset Council so that the costs can be covered by the s106 funds committed to this scheme. A public consultation will be carried out and brought back to council in July for consideration, so that a schedule can be put in place.

4.3 Lobby Glazing – Historic England has approved the final claim for this project and the balance of £1,000 has been paid.

4.4 Beam Detectors – The beam detectors had become faulty, so they have now been replaced with flame detectors. They have the added benefit of being lower down and are therefore easier to maintain.

5. **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE TOWN MUSEUM FOR DISPLAY OF THE BOND DOORS**

The paper was noted (See Appendix A).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (9 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council does not accept the Museum's offer of the doors for display within the Shambles.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

6. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM INGHAM PINNOCK ASSOCIATES**

Ross Ingham and Kate Pinnock from IPA delivered a summary update presentation to the meeting and referred to the Options Appraisal that will be sent to Councillors after the meeting due to the commercially confidential nature of the financial information contained in the report. This in order to protect the Town Council's position in any subsequent procurement and maximise best value for public money.

IPA updated Councillors on the work carried out to date and highlighted what is required in the next three months, which includes technical surveys, further consultation and the possible creation of a smaller working group.

IPA will submit a quotation for the costs to lead the Town Council through the next phase, which includes pre-app, planning and project development of the masterplan.

In the meantime, IPA offered a follow-up session to meet with Councillors and discuss any comments.

Councillors thanked IPA for their thorough and comprehensive work to date, which has given the council a clear steer on a way forward with the project.

The meeting closed at 8:18 pm.

SIGNED

DATED