

Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Hall Advisory Committee
Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall on 3rd April 2023

Present: Cllr W Jones, Cllr R Spooner, Cllr R Welton (Chair) and Cllr M Hanrahan
In attendance: J. Mitchell (Town Clerk) and A. Mott (RFO)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Powell and Cllr R. Hall was absent.
It was RESOLVED to note the apology.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

Members reviewed the draft minutes and requested reference to the date of the extraordinary council meeting held to enter into the agreement for the development of the Civic Hall be included.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, pending the above amendment.

4. Exclusion of the press & public

It was RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the item to be discussed, the committee pass the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1 paragraph 2 and the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (due to the sensitive commercial nature of the issues being discussed).

5. Civic Hall Lease

Members received a verbal update on the actions from the previous committee meeting.

It was RESOLVED to respond to the owner of the Civic Hall, with an agreed letter and then send a further agreed letter if no response or an unsatisfactory response is received by the end of April.

It was RESOLVED to note the update regarding a company to act on behalf of the council.

It was RESOLVED to hold off making an official complaint against the solicitor that handled the case at the time until a decision is received from the owner of the Civic Hall.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council to draft a statement and delegate agreement of the content of the statement and the release date to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

6. Date of next meeting

It was RESOLVED to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 10am in the Council Chamber.

Meeting closed 10:48am.