

MINUTES

Of Extra Ordinary Meeting
Dronfield Town Council
held on

Thursday 15th October 2015

Presented to

DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

On

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL,
ON THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2015

Present:

Councillors L Blanshard (Town Mayor); A Foster, E Pasley, A Powell, G Baxter, C Smith, R Hall, A Dale, M Foster, T Collins, R Welton, B Copley and G Hopkinson, Michelle Emmens, Philip Wright

1 Apologies

150/15-16 RESOLVED

Apologies were received from Cllr S Green (Other business), CllrR Smith (Other Business), Cllr Kevin Tait (Other Business).

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Public Speaking

There was no public speaking

4 Exclusion of the Press and the Public

151/15-16 RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Freedom of Information Act (2004)).

5 To Consider The Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on October 8th 2015.

It was noted that the Town Clerk was not in attendance and that he was on sick leave for two weeks as of October 15. A Powell was asked to take Minutes.

It was noted that Rosie Smith had not been contacted about the Emergency Meeting of the Personnel Committee although attempts were made by phone.

Following remarks made by the Town Clerk at the Council Meeting of October 5, and a subsequent email to members about a potential or perceived threat to staff the following matters were resolved:

152/15-16 RESOLVED

To continue to seek professional advice from the Council's HR consultant, DALC and solicitors in relation to matters arising from the Gorsey Brigg development and that the personnel Committee be asked to look at staff training issues.

153/15-16 RESOLVED

To authorise the Council's Leader and Chairman to sign documents on behalf of the Council.

154/15-16 RESOLVED

To approve that Bell and Buxton solicitors continue to act on the Council's behalf.

155/15-16 RESOLVED

That all matters in relation to the Gorsey Brigg transaction be referred back to the Council's Property Committee.

It was noted that in the absence of the clerk, advice from the HR Consultant was that a Management Committee needed to be appointed with delegated powers. The Council had also been advised to seek a Locum Clerk. DALC had put the Council in touch with a potential Locum Clerk, Karen Howe, who could offer administrative assistance over the phone to staff as and when necessary as a Consultant and would charge £20/h. Preference would be to have a locum Clerk present in the office but if this could not be arranged, that the Council would use Ms Karen Howes' services.

156/15-16 RESOLVED

That a Management Committee of the following members be set up L Blanshard, A Dale, E Pasley and C Smith. The Management Committee will have the authority to provide in line management of the Town Council Staff and use delegated powers as and when necessary.

157/15-16 RESOLVED

That a Locum Clerk as described above would be arranged.

It was noted that a Property Committee Meeting was being arranged for Monday October 19 at 10.30pm.

Any Other Business

There was no any other business.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm

Chairman

Date