



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes Extraordinary Council

Time and date

6.30pm on Tuesday 9 June 2020

Place

Virtual On-Line Meeting via "Zoom"

Cllr R Rowles - Town Mayor (P)

Cllr L Banville - Deputy Town Mayor (P)

Cllr D Coole (P)

Cllr L Gregori (P)

Cllr R Meyer (P)

Cllr J Coole (P)

Cllr R Hughes (P)

Cllr D Treadwell (P)

Cllr C Ecclestone (P)

Cllr B Long (P)

Cllr A Watts (P)

Officers Present:

Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk)

Tor Warburton (Deputy Clerk)

Michelle Young (Committee & GDPR Officer) (Taking the Minutes)

Borough/County Councillors Present:

Cllr I Anderson

Cllr T Burley

Cllr Z Brooks

Cllr J Cockaday

Cllr N Matthews

Members of the Public: 3

Members of the Press: 1

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Government legislation regarding Social Distancing, it was not possible to hold this meeting at a normal public venue. Therefore, the Town Council made arrangements under the Coronavirus Act 2020, and subsequent Regulations permitting remote meetings, to hold the meeting virtually. A voting procedure was actioned via role call method with each Member's name and response recorded in the Minutes.

C 218/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

C 219/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest in relation to any item on the agenda.

C 220/19 VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor R Rowles and seconded by Councillor B Long that the use of the Virtual Platform Zoom to conduct Virtual Meetings of the Town Council be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: Councillors L Banville, D Coole, J Coole, C Ecclestone, L Gregori, R Hughes, B Long, R Meyer, R Rowles, D Treadwell and A Watts.

RESOLVED: That the use of the Virtual Platform Zoom to conduct Virtual Meetings of the Town Council be approved.

It was proposed by Councillor R Rowles and seconded by Councillor B Long that the cost of upgrading the Zoom Platform to allow the meetings to continue for more than 40 minutes, at a cost of £119 per annum (£11.90 per month) be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: Councillors L Banville, D Coole, J Coole, C Ecclestone, L Gregori, R Hughes, B Long, R Meyer, R Rowles, D Treadwell and A Watts.

RESOLVED: That the cost of upgrading the Zoom Platform to allow the meetings to continue for more than 40 minutes, at a cost of £119 per annum (£11.90 per month) be approved.

C 221/19 VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Members considered an Addendum to the Town Council's Standing Orders to allow Virtual Meetings to take place and whether all meetings of the Town Council should then continue to be held via the Virtual Platform until at least May 2021, or until such time as the Coronavirus is brought under control and it is safe for the Public to mix freely again.

It was proposed by Councillor R Rowles and seconded by Councillor L Banville that an Addendum to the Town Council's Standing Orders to allow Virtual Meetings be approved and all meetings of the Town Council should then continue to be held via the Virtual Platform until at least May 2021, or until such time as the Coronavirus is brought under control and it is safe for the Public to mix freely again.

A vote was taken, 10 for, 1 against.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: Councillors L Banville, D Coole, J Coole, L Gregori, R Hughes, B Long, R Meyer, R Rowles, D Treadwell and A Watts.

Against: Councillor C Ecclestone.

RESOLVED: That an Addendum to the Town Council's Standing Orders to allow Virtual Meetings be approved and all meetings of the Town Council should then continue to be held via the Virtual Platform until at least May 2021, or until such time as the Coronavirus is brought under control and it is safe for the Public to mix freely again.

Members noted the Virtual Meeting Procedure – attached to record Minutes.

C 222/19 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was proposed by Councillor R Rowles and seconded by Councillor R Hughes that it be confirmed that Councillor Barbara Long signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Town Clerk as Proper Officer on 19 March 2020 and that Councillor Barbara Long be included in the Membership of the following Committees: Allotments, Events and Planning.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: Councillors L Banville, D Coole, J Coole, C Ecclestone, L Gregori, R Hughes, B Long, R Meyer, R Rowles, D Treadwell and A Watts

RESOLVED: That it be confirmed that Councillor Barbara Long signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Town Clerk as Proper Officer on 19 March 2020 and that Councillor Barbara Long be included in the Membership of the following Committees: Allotments, Events and Planning.

C 223/19 ANNUAL MEETING (MAYOR MAKING)

Members considered whether to have an Annual Meeting (Mayor Making) prior to May 2021.

The following Motion was suggested:

“Andover Town Council shall not hold an Annual Meeting prior to May 2021.”

It was proposed by Councillor B Long and seconded by Councillor L Gregori as a procedural motion that Members move straight to a vote.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: Councillors L Banville, D Coole, J Coole, C Ecclestone, L Gregori, R Hughes, B Long, R Meyer, R Rowles, D Treadwell and A Watts.

RESOLVED: That Members move straight to a vote.

It was proposed by Councillor R Rowles and seconded by Councillor L Gregori that the Andover Town Council shall not hold an Annual Meeting prior to May 2021.

A vote was taken, 6 for, 5 against.

A recorded vote was as follows:

For: Councillors L Banville, L Gregori, R Hughes, B Long, R Rowles, and A Watts.

Against: Councillors D Coole, J Coole, C Ecclestone, R Meyer and D Treadwell.

RESOLVED: That the Andover Town Council shall not hold an Annual Meeting prior to May 2021.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.05pm.

Town Mayor

Date