

Kidderminster Town Council
MINUTES of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 6.00pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor S. Rook)
Councillors J. Aston, J. Baker, R. Bishop, S. Chambers, H. Dyke, K. Gale, N. Gale,
L. Hyde, M. Kelly, N. Knowles, F. Oborski MBE, M. Rayner, D. Ross,
M. Stooke and P. Young

C.584 Apologies

Councillors M. Cheeseman and J. Smith

C.585 Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2020

RESOLVED: - that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

C.586 Declarations of Interests by Members

None

C.587 Public participation

None.

C.588 Future Governance of the Town Hall

Mr. Peter White, Fresh Life Consultancy, assisted by Mr. David Alcock, Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP, gave a presentation to the Council on the options for the future governance of the Town Hall. After the presentation the following points were made: -

- The proposed governance model of a trust would still mean the Town Council retained overall responsibility for the Town Hall
- The trust was a common model across local authorities and gave the best support to attract grant funding for the future
- The work to deliver the trust can be completed to match up with the proposed timescale for the HLF grant application

After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: - that, with regard to the Town Hall, the Town Council agree in principle to: -

- i. Set up a charitable company with a trading subsidiary
- ii. Transfer Kidderminster Town Hall on a long term lease and long term agreement for usage
- iii. Prepare the appropriate documentation and registration in advance of the proposed capital works on the Town Hall
- iv. Report back to the Town Council, post the 2021 local elections, to formally confirm the setting up of the charitable company with a trading subsidiary

The meeting ended at 7.16pm

Mayor

Date