

Kidderminster Town Council
MINUTES of the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 6:00pm
in the
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Kidderminster

Present: The Mayor (Councillor J. Smith)
Councillors R. Bishop, D. Chambers, G. Connolly, K. Gale, D. Hine, B. Hopkins,
S. Miah, T. Muir, F. Oborski MBE, J. Phillips, M. Rayner, S. Rook, D. Ross
and E. Stokes.

C.685 Apologies

Councillors J. Aston, H. Dyke and N. Gale.

C.686 Declarations of Interests by Members

None.

C.687 Public participation

None.

C.688 Membership of the Staffing Committee

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr Ross onto the Staffing Committee during the appointment of the Town Clerk.

C.689 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: - that, under Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with Standing Order 3(b), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the disclosure of categories 1, 2 and 3 of "exempt information" as defined in the appendix to the standing orders.

C.690 Town Hall Development

Councillors received a presentation on the Town Hall Development from Mr Peter White of Fresh Life Consultancy and Mr Dan Mulligan, Partner, Glenn Howells Architects.

Councillors were updated on the developing plans and emerging issues and took the opportunity to ask questions of the project manager and of the architect. Councillors expressed their concerns about the plinth design, absence of office space for Town Council staff the potential for the projected costs to exceed the available funds and whether the projected completion date was achievable.

Mr White reported that, having reflected on earlier feedback and comments from councillors, the architects have agreed that the stained glass window (installed to mark the coronation of the present queen) in the King Charles Room should stay in situ and that a design should be commissioned for the new window of similar size proposed for the redesigned space and should mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Mr White suggested that the cost of this might be raised by public subscription and urged any councillor who would be interested in heading up the campaign to raise the sum required (in the region of £50k - £75k) to contact him.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm

Mayor

Date