

**KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2024 at 6pm
in the Kidderminster Room, Wyre Forest House**

Present:

Councillors:

J. Beckingham (Chair)

D. Hine

G. Connolly (Substitute for Cllr. B.Brookes)

F. Oborski MBE

In Attendance:

Town Hall Manager

Annie Wills – FMG Consultant

Absent:

Cllr Liam Carroll

Cllr Bernadette Connor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on Monday 9th September 2024.

5. REOPENING THE TOWN HALL (APPENDIX 2)

Members received an update from the business consultant on expressions of interest from catering providers and the potential business model for the future operations of the Town Hall.

It was discussed that The Town Hall Manager and Business Consultant shall report to members in the new year following on from site visits with interested parties.

6. TOWN HALL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (APPENDIX 3)

Members received an update on the Town Hall Construction Programme from the Town Hall Manager.

7. TOWN HALL BUDGET 25-26 (APPENDIX 4)

Members received a proposed Town Hall Budget for 2025-2026.

8. NLHF – A JOURNEY THROUGH KIDDERMINSTER’S TOWN HALL (APPENDIX 5)

Members received an update on the NLHF – A Journey Through Kidderminster’s Town Hall Project from the Town Hall Manager.

9. PODIUM – AMENDED DESIGN (APPENDIX 6)

Members received a proposal for an amended podium design.
A councillor questioned whether a handrail could be installed on the slope of the podium.
The Town Hall Manager confirmed he would take this up with the architect.

RESOLVED:

Members of the committee approved Option 5 of the Podium Design.

10. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (APPENDIX 7)

Members noted and agreed the Forward Work Programme.

Meeting closed at 18:40