

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting
held at the Church Institute, London Road, Brandon on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Skinner (Chair), Cllr S Annear, Cllr L Atkins, Cllr B Brabbs, Cllr P Etherington,
Cllr J Lloyd-Blackwell, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr N Vant, Cllr P Wittam

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and approval of reasons tendered.
Cllr J Hughes, Cllr D Moore, Cllr D Palmer, Cllr C Whiteman

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interests.

Cllr S Skinner – Non-pecuniary interest, amend to pecuniary interest.

Cllr Skinner had initially registered a non-pecuniary interest but due to the insistence of Cllrs Lukaniuk and Wittam he changed this to a pecuniary interest due to his profession as a funeral director. At this point Cllrs Lukaniuk and Wittam insisted that he removed himself from the meeting due to him receiving financial gain. A heated discussion took place, with Cllr Skinner stating that he had no financial control of the company, he was an employee, receiving a set wage. He further stated he did not live with the owner of the business and was an independent person, there to give specialist advice regarding the subject matter of the meeting. Cllrs Lukaniuk and Wittam were insistent that he was removed, without this happening they claimed the meeting would be illegal, so Cllr Skinner left the meeting at 7.05pm.

Cllr Etherington, Vice Chair then proceeded to chair the meeting in the absence of Cllr Skinner.

3. **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting temporarily due to the confidential nature of the business to concerning QUOTES: LAND: STAFF: CONTRACT.

Proposer: Cllr N Vant

Seconder: Cllr J Lloyd-Blackwell

Resolution Record No: **BTC/164/23/Feb/22**

CARRIED: Unanimous

4. **TO NOTE MINUTES OF THE NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY MEETING** of 15th February 2022.

The minutes from the last New Cemetery Working Party Meeting were noted.

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5. RESOLUTION from Cllr P Etherington No. 407

Brandon Town Council approves the New Cemetery Working Party's recommendation to appoint Evolution to renew planning consent and deal with the relevant conditions.

A discussion took place to review and appoint consultants.

6. RESOLUTION from Cllr S Skinner No. 408

Brandon Town Council approves the New Cemetery Working Party's recommendation to appoint Richard Jackson Building Consultants to prepare tender documentation and act as contract administrator.

A discussion took place to review and appoint consultants.

Cllr Etherington directed the meeting to move to item 7, resolution number 409. Cllr Lukaniuk stated that this resolution was not on his agenda paperwork. Cllr Atkins directed him to the correct position on the agenda and noted that Cllr Lukaniuk did not have the amended copy.

7. RESOLUTION from Cllr S Skinner No. 409

Brandon Town Council approves the New Cemetery Working Party's recommendation to appoint Richard Jackson Engineering Consultants to provide civil engineering design services consisting of new access, drainage and hard landscaping.

A discussion took place to review and appoint consultants.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

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