

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting
held at Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Wittam (Chair), Cllr G Brocklehurst, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr P Gorringe, Cllr H Kostecki, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr T Nolan, Cllr J Savage, Cllr N Siebert, Cllr C Watts

Also Present: 3 members of the public

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and approval of reasons tendered.
Cllr B Brabbs, Cllr P Etherington, Cllr D Palmer, Cllr P Ridgwell – apologies accepted.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interests.
None.

Cllr Wittam requested a vote to adjourn the meeting due to members of the public being present.

Proposer: Cllr N Siebert

Seconder: Cllr P Gorringe

Resolution Record No: **BTC/75/27/Sep/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.

A member of the public asked whether it was possible to put another bench in Victoria Avenue as it was a long way from one end to the other. Cllr Wittam said it was something that could be looked at. Cllr Lukaniuk agreed with this and said he would like to see another bench on Victoria Avenue but explained it would have to go out to public consultation first as it is likely there could be disturbances to the residents, because of how it might be used.

Another resident asked for an update on the bypass. Cllr Wittam recapped all that had happened historically regarding a proposed bypass. He stated that he thought first, there should be an HGV ban and then any HGV traffic coming from the Fiveways roundabout to go no further than London Road, Tesco and that is what he was fighting for. Cllr Lukaniuk said the problem was that previously, Brandon could not agree which side of town the HGV ban should apply to. Cllr Kostecki raised the issue of the Cranswick development and the extra HGV traffic that would result from it. Cllr Wittam said he would raise this at West Suffolk Council.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING.

Signed.....

3. RESOLUTION from Cllr P Wittam No. 442

Brandon Town Council resolves to appoint five members of the Council to serve on the Human Resources Committee.

Cllr Wittam proposed to increase the number of appointed members from five to seven, due to a lot of interest in Councillors joining the Committee. After a discussion about increasing the number of members, it was decided to leave it at five.

The members of the Human Resources Committee are Cllr Gorringer, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Kostecki, Cllr Nolan and Cllr Watts. There was a discussion about when meetings would be and after discussion, they are likely to be on a Thursday.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr T Nolan

Resolution Record No: **BTC/77/27/Sep/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO SERVE ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:-

CLLR GORRINGE, CLLR HUGHES, CLLR KOSTECKI, CLLR NOLAN AND CLLR WATTS.

4. 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 Siebert

Seconder: Cllr H Kostecki

Resolution Record No: **BTC/78/27/Sep/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous

Signed.....

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5. **URGENT BUSINESS** any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business – to be submitted no less than 48hrs prior to the meeting or by discussion with the Chairman.

Mrs Prior gave all Councillors present a list of all the expenditure for the Christmas Event. She then explained what all the items were. A discussion then took place about the listed items. Mrs Prior also asked the Councillors about buying artificial Christmas trees rather than real Christmas trees. This had been discussed at the Events Committee meeting on 25th September but needed approval from Full Council. Mrs Prior explained about the extra work with real trees as opposed to artificial ones. Additionally, the artificial trees should last a number of years so will save time and money in the long term. Cllr Brocklehurst made a comment that he had previously been accused by another councillor of misspending, when he bought some artificial trees a few years ago but said he would raise this at another meeting. Cllr Siebert agreed that purchasing the artificial trees would save time and money. A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of purchasing artificial Christmas trees. A vote then ensued.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr J Hughes

Resolution Record No: **BTC/79/27/Sep/23**

CARRIED: By Majority vote: 8 for, 2 abstentions.

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO AUTHORISE THE EXPENDITURE AGREED BY THE EVENTS COMMITTEE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVENT.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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