

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of St Ives Town Council
held on Wednesday 28 September 2022 in the Town Hall, St Ives**

Present:

Town Mayor: Councillor P Pope

Councillors: C Smith, M Burke, M King, M Setchell, A Thompson, L Valla, J Tiddy, P Hussain,
S Mokbul, J Kerr

In attendance:

Proper Officer: D Bayliss

Locum Clerk: M Price

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

C69.00 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Luter, M Mallol Wright (all Personal) and N Wells (HDC commitment).

C70.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C70.01 Making Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: that the extract from Standing Orders concerning making declarations of interest is received and noted.

C70.02 Retrospective Declarations

No retrospective declarations were made.

C70.03 Declarations of Interest

Agenda Item C70.02 – Councillors J Kerr and P Hussain – non pecuniary interests as Directors of the Corn Exchange Community Interest Company.

C71.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda Item C70.02 – A resident expressed concerns at the concept of making retrospective declarations of interest. This was, he stated, a deceitful practice and showed a misunderstanding of fundamental councillor duties.

He queried what happened to decisions taken at the time when declarations were not made as retrospective declarations had no legal standing and also what was the proper procedure in such cases.

The Town Mayor stated that a written response to the queries raised would be provided.

C72.00 CORN EXCHANGE ROOF

Consideration was given to a report from the Locum Clerk that works to the Corn Exchange roof be deferred until 2023.

RESOLVED: C72.01 that the report is received and noted.

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C72.02 that agreement be given to deferring the building works until July 2023 to enable the Property Committee to form a full and comprehensive timeline working document and plan, thus also giving a longer period to confirm changing costs and approve expenditure still likely to be £360,000.

C72.03 that the subject of further funding be discussed at a future meeting.

**C73.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

C74.00 STAFFING MATTER – TOWN CLERK

Consideration was given to a report from the Interim Deputy Clerk concerning the retirement of the former Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: C74.01 that the report is received and noted

C74.02 that all of the financial recommendations in the report be agreed and implemented

C74.03 that a Recruitment Working Party be appointed in preparation for the recruitment/appointment of a new Town Clerk

C74.04 that provision of a key worker insurance policy be investigated.

**C75.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and the Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Town Mayor:

Dated: 12 October 2022

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