



Full Council Meeting

22nd June 2020

6:30pm via Zoom

(Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was not possible for Council to meet in person)

Present: Councillors P. Astell, T. Astell, D. Boynton, I. Gow, D. Healy, C. Hopkins, D. Horsley, L. Johnson, M. Pinder, D. Tucker, C. Wildey and A. Willis.

In Attendance: Helen Watson (Town Clerk) and Matthew Snowden (Deputy Town Clerk)
2 members of the public and press

22/20: Roll call.

The Mayor introduced the meeting and requested all microphones be muted unless invited to speak.

23/20: To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Jack.

24/20: Declarations of Interest.

12.1: To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

There were no declarations

12.2: To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

There were no dispensations.

25/20: To confirm and sign the following minutes of Full Council:

Full Council held on 18th May 2020.

Proposal: That the minutes for Full Council held on 18th May 2020 be approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr D. Healy

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

26/20: To confirm and sign the following Committee Minutes:

26.1: Planning, Property and Services Committee held on 19th May 2020 (to note only).

Proposal: That the minutes for Planning, Property and Services Committee held on 19th May 2020 be noted.

Proposed: Cllr I. Gow **Seconded:** Cllr P. Astell

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

26.2: Personnel Committee held on 26th May 2020.

Proposal: That the minutes for Personnel Committee held on 26th May 2020 be approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr I. Gow **Seconded:** Cllr P. Astell

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

26.3: Policy Committee held on 1st June 2020.

Proposal: That the minutes for Policy Committee held on 1st June 2020 be approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr P. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr C. Hopkins

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

26.4: Planning, Property and Services Committee held on 9th June 2020.

Proposal: That the minutes for Planning, Property and Services Committee held on 9th June 2020 be approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr P. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr I. Gow

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

Proposal: The Town Clerk to consult with ERNLLCA, to ascertain as to whether or not the first resolution of item 26/20 in the Planning Property and Services Committee minutes from 9th June 2020 can be accepted by Full Council as part of the approval of the minutes with possible additional costs – if this is correct, the trailer purchase detailed in the resolution will be progressed. If this is not possible, Councillors may consider convening an Extra-ordinary Full Council meeting to approve the resolution.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr M Pinder

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

27/20: Mayor's Announcements and Correspondence.

The Mayor explained that despite the ongoing cessation and postponement of civic events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he was endeavouring to keep as busy as possible, including liaising with the press and media following his election to office and promoting the competition for children to produce a promotional flyer for Beverley.

The Mayor invited Cllr M. Pinder to speak, regarding how the Town Council may wish to proactively support initiative in the town as it comes out of lockdown.

The Mayor invited Cllr C. Hopkins to speak, regarding the proposal of developing a Youth Town Council.

Resolved: *That Cllr C. Hopkins organises an informal meeting with interested Councillors to discuss how best to proceed with these matters and to report back at the next meeting of Full Council.*

28/20: Reports from Councillors serving on external bodies.

Beverley BID / Chamber of Trade: Cllr D. Healy explained that he had received a letter to join a virtual meeting to discuss the Beverley BID.

Resolved: *That Cllr D. Healy and Cllr M. Pinder (as the Town Council's Chamber of Trade representative and substitute representative respectively) will attend the meeting and report back to Full Council.*

NALC: Cllr P. Astell urged all Councillors to engage with email updates from NALC.

29/20: Hanseatic League.

29.1: A ten minute presentation from Hamish Stewart on Beverley's successful admission to the Hanseatic League.

Mr Hamish Stewart gave a presentation about Beverley's recent successful admission to the Modern Hanseatic League. Mr Stewart spoke about the historical links between Beverley and the original League and how the modern organisation works with community groups, youth organisations and

local businesses. He spoke of his hopes to develop several Hanseatic based projects, including a walk, books, lectures and talks, scholarships, a web presence and major events linking into other local events. Of particular note, was the hope to organise an event in 2021 for the other Hansa Towns in the United Kingdom to meet in Beverley.

Proposal: That the Town Council records its official thanks to Mr Hamish Stewart for his hard work and commitment to achieving Beverley's Modern Hanseatic League membership and congratulate him on this success.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr C. Hopkins

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

29.2: To consider setting up a Hanseatic League Working Group to progress this project.

Proposal: That the Town Council forms a Beverley Town Council Hanseatic League Working Group, coordinated by Mr Hamish Stewart, and including Cllrs P. Astell, T. Astell, D. Horsley, L. Johnson, M. Pinder, C. Wildey and A. Willis, with the hope of inviting other interested parties to join.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr A. Willis

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

29.3: To consider allocating a Hanseatic League budget for marketing and developing this project.

Proposal: That the Beverley Town Council Hanseatic League Working Group will put forward budget proposals to support this endeavour for the consideration for Full Council.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr A. Willis

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

30/20: Armstrong's Social Club: To consider and discuss the idea of leasing the former Armstrong's social club for use as a community hub and Town Council offices.

Proposal: That Councillors reconvene the Beverley Area Community Hub (BACH) Working Group to discuss this matter in more detail, including potential costs and venue usage. Those Councillors who are members of BACH are Cllrs P. Astell, T. Astell, I. Gow, D. Healy, C. Hopkins, D. Jack and M. Pinder.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr M. Pinder

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

31/20: 2020 Food Festival and Christmas Food and Drink Festival.

Proposal: That this Council regretfully cancels the 2020 Food Festival and 2020 Christmas Festival of Food and Drink in the interests of public health and safety due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr M. Pinder

Resolved: *That with regret the proposal be accepted.*

32/20: New Model Code of Conduct Consultation

Councillors were encouraged to complete this consultation process on an individual basis.

Cllr A. Willis left the meeting at 8pm due to another appointment

33/20: Love Your High Street Fund Re-launched

Proposal: That if any Councillors have potential project ideas for the Love Your High Street Fund, they should request them to be added to a future Policy Committee agenda. The committee will discuss the proposals and consider formal recommendations to Full Council.

Proposed: Cllr P. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr T. Astell

Resolved: *That the proposal be accepted.*

34/20: Year-end Income vs. Expenditure.

- (a) To receive a simple spreadsheet with the 2019/20 year-end income vs. expenditure and against the budget (allocated and unallocated).**
- (b) To receive a simple spreadsheet with the income vs. expenditure for month 1 of the 2020/21 Financial Year.**

The Clerk apologised and explained that due to the fragmented nature of staff working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, it had been difficult to produce all the exact information Councillors requested, especially as some Officers had only been able to receive remote training on the RBS financial software upgrade since 19th June (the software was installed on 13th March, but due to the lockdown no training was available in the immediacy). The Clerk explained that all Officers were trying their hardest during these difficult times, whilst at the same time following health and safety guidelines. Additional duties were also being taken on by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk due to the unavailability of other officers during lockdown. Again, the Clerk apologised and stated that if Councillors were still not satisfied with the spreadsheet, it would be perhaps best for the matter being referred to Personnel and for Councillors to provide more specific guidance regarding what they require or to use the RBS direct spreadsheets.

Proposal: That the requested spreadsheet be revised and submitted to the next meeting of the Policy Committee. In addition, concerns regarding the staffing issues entailed in gathering data for the production of this documentation be discussed by the Personnel Committee.

Proposed: Cllr T. Astell **Seconded:** Cllr D. Healy

Resolved: That the proposal be accepted.

The meeting finished at 20:15.

Signed: _____



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Date: _____

