



## Full Council Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> April 2020

6:30pm via Zoom

(due to COVID-19 it was not possible for Council to meet in person – it is understood that Government plans to legislate to enable councils to officially meet via remote technology)

**Present:** Cllrs Duncan Jack (Mayor), Tom Astell (Deputy Mayor), Peter Astell, David Boynton, Ian Gow, Denis Healy, Chloe Hopkins, David Horsley, Linda Johnson, Margaret Pinder, David Tucker, Clare Wildey and Ann Willis.

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

**Public Forum – no member of the public wished to speak.**

### **167/19: Beverley Town Council Declaration regarding COVID-19 and remote meetings**

Due to Government introducing legislation enabling Councils to meet remotely as of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the declaration was no longer required.

### **168/19: To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies were received.

### **169/19: Declarations of Interest**

**169.1: 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.**

Cllr M. Pinder declared a pecuniary interest in item 11 regarding discussions relating to the Beverley Puppet Festival, as she works as their Event Coordinator for which she receives payment.

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

There were no dispensations.

### **170/19: To confirm and sign the minutes of Extra-ordinary Full Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

**Proposed:** Cllr M. Pinder

**Seconded:** Cllr D. Healy

**Resolved:** That the resolutions detailed in the minutes be ratified by Full Council following the introduction of Government legislation to enable Councils to lawfully meet and make decisions via remote technology. The minutes of this meeting are approved and signed as a true and correct record.

**171/19: To confirm and sign the minutes of Planning, Property and Services meeting held Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.**

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

**Resolved:** *That the resolutions detailed in the minutes be ratified by Full Council following the introduction of Government legislation to enable Councils to lawfully meet and make decisions via remote technology. The minutes of this meeting are approved and signed as a true and correct record.*

**172/19: Mayor's Announcements and Correspondence.**

The Mayor reported that due the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, all civic events across the county had been cancelled and he hoped things would resume once the issue is over.

The Town Clerk reported that Council Officers are working from home with remote technology, to comply with social distancing guidelines and that much is still being carried out by officers to the best of all abilities and within the constrictions of home working. It was also explained that despite the offices being closed, post was being collected when possible and telephone messages will be picked up twice a week by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

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

**Resolved:** *That the Clerk transfers the office phones to the work mobile phone in her possession and that the Town Clerk screens calls to ensure only those pertaining to Town Council business are answered. In addition, Cllr I. Gow to liaise with Beverley FM to ask for them to inform local listeners that the Town Council offices are closed and that members of the public should preferably send email instead of using the phone.*

**173/19: East Riding of Yorkshire Council COVID-19 Community Response.**

Councillors discussed the work East Riding of Yorkshire Council had carried out in partnership with HEY Smile and the various voluntary groups that are helping vulnerable people in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some councillors also expressed disappointment that with ERYC's decision to close the market during this period, whilst others considered this a sensible thing to do and was in line with Government regulations.

**Proposed:** Cllr L. Johnson                      **Seconded:** Cllr M. Pinder

**Resolved:** *That Officers will upload to the Town Council website the details of market stall holders who are providing home delivery services during this difficult time.*

**174/19: Hanging Baskets Scheme**

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

**Resolved:** *Because Plantscape can install, maintain and water hanging baskets starting from mid to late June, the Town Council delegates the Planning, Property and Services Committee to proceed with this and to finalise how best a hanging basket scheme can be implemented given the restrictions of the COVID-19 lockdown.*

**175/19: Christmas Lights**

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

**Resolved:** *That the Town Clerk liaises with Blachere Illuminations, to progress enhancements to the Beverley Christmas lights with interested Councillors and the Beverley Christmas Lights Working Group, whilst taking into consideration the restrictions of the COVID-19 lockdown, which might stall preparatory work at this time.*

**176/19: Food Festivals**

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

**Resolved:** *That the Beverley Food Festivals be discussed at the June 2020 meeting of Full Council, by which time it is hoped national advice regarding public gatherings may be relaxed. Town Council Officers to put a note on the website explaining the decision will be made at the June meeting of Full Council. No further Officer time will be spent on the Food Festival until the decision is made in June.*

**177/19: Beverley Puppet Festival**

**Cllr M. Pinder left the meeting due to having a pecuniary interest in this matter (see 169/19.1).**

Councillors discussed at length the request from Beverley Puppet Festival for £5,000.

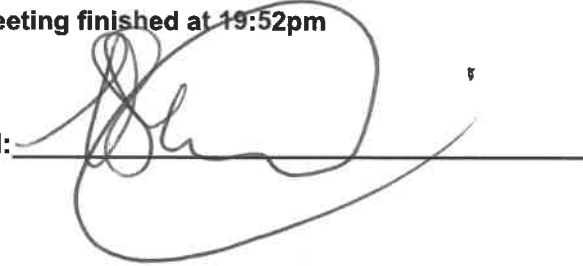
**Proposed:** Cllr D. Healy      **Seconded:** Cllr T. Astell

**For:** 7    **Against:** 4    **Abstention:** 1

**Resolved:** *After debate, whilst Councillors appreciate what the festival has achieved in the past, the majority resolved that due to the unprecedented times relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, on this occasion the Town Council is unable to financially support the Beverley Puppet Festival's online project, as benefit is not confined to the people and town of Beverley, which is where Town Council funding must have the most direct impact.*

**The meeting finished at 19:52pm**

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

18/5/2020

