

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2020

PRESENT: Councillor M. Blackburn (in the Chair)  
P. Allen  
S. Blackburn  
D. Cole  
D. Hinsley  
F.A Nash  
F.V. Nash

8413. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Kimberley and Sorrell (holiday) were received and noted.

8414. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

8415. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

8416. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 20th January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8417. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred for three months

8418. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that he had attended the presentation evening at WMG Academy. It had been a wonderful evening and demonstrated the potential of local youngsters with 55% of students having a B37 postcode. He remarked that the college is flourishing and the future of the area is bright. He also reported on the meeting with the bar provider which he described as very positive.

8419. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meetings of the Staffing Committee held 19th August 2019 and 10th February 2020 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved

8420. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 17th February 2020 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved

8421. ACCOUNTS PAID, PETTY CASH PAYMENTS, MONTHLY EMPLOYEE COSTS AND BANK TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid, petty cash payments, bank transfers and monthly employee costs as submitted be approved

8422. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Cole reported in his capacity as a member of Solihull M.B.C. regarding local issues including the "Great British Spring Clean"

Councillor Hinsley reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Solihull Area Committee of WALC. He advised that the Chief Executive of Solihull M.B.C. had been the guest speaker and he had reported that the West Midlands Combined Authority was pressing for more delegated powers

Councillor F.V. Nash reported in her capacity as a member of Solihull M.B.C. regarding local issues including litter picking, rubbish in Arderne Drive and contingency plans and advice regarding CO-VID19

8423. ENGAGEMENT OF A NEW BAR PROVIDER AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF IMMEDIATE WORK REQUIRED TO FACILITATE USE OF THE BAR

The Clerk reported that a successful meeting had taken place between the prospective bar provider and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Clerk recommended that the Council engage him and proposed some specific requirements to be included in any agreement with him. He also advised that some matters requiring attention by the Council had also been identified including providing a power supply to the potential cellar/store room.

RESOLVED i) that the Council engage Robert Charles to provide a bar service and act as Designated Premises Supervisor with immediate effect on a trial basis  
ii) that the clauses set out in Appendix A be included in the agreement with the provider.  
iii) that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £1,000 to provide a power supply in the store cupboard and other expenditure required to facilitate the new bar service. Details of all relevant expenditure to be reported to the Council in due course.

8424. INTRODUCTION/REFRESHER TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

The Clerk reported that Castle Bromwich PC were offering a refresher/induction training course in April at a cost of £5.00 per head.

RESOLVED that the Council meet the cost of the course for the following four members: -  
Councillors Bennett-Watson, M.  
Blackburn, S. Blackburn and Kimberley

8425. CONSIDERATION OF A RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

**Bar Provision at the Fordbridge Centre**

- Provider responsible for all stock, gas and staff (including washing up)
- Any surplus stock is the responsibility of the provider
- Council to provide glasses, optics, coolers and other equipment
- Council to make a payment of £25 in advance for each function
- Provider to act as Designated Premises Supervisor
- A minimum of two members of staff to be on duty at all functions.
- Bar provider to be responsible for cleaning of the bar area. To be complete no later than midnight on night of function or undertaken on Monday following function.
- A minimum of two draught beers to be provided at all functions.
- Range of alcoholic drinks, soft and hot drinks to be agreed with the Council at periodic intervals.
- Provider agrees to share 10% of total sales with the Council (to be reviewed after 36 months)