

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting held on 22 June 2021 at at
Homelands Hall, Kings Avenue, Christchurch, BH23 1NA

Present:-

Cllr Mrs S Bungey – Mayor

Cllr A E Coulton – Deputy Mayor

Present: Cllr V Charrett, Cllr M Cox, Cllr S Fotheringham, Cllr C A Gardiner, Cllr D C Jones, Cllr T Lane, Cllr G E E Polson, Cllr Mrs S Spittle and Cllr M J Tarling.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs F Cox, Cllr W Grace, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr G R Jarvis, and Cllr S J McCormack.

Officers Cllr Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk
Present: Susan Roxby, Democratic Services Officer

Members of the
Public present: 2

Members of the 0
Press present:

48. Declarations of interest

Cllr Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 56. d) (Application: 8/21/0437/FUL 1 High Street Christchurch BH23 1AE) for the purposes of transparency as Tony Hair although the business is not affected by the application, both he and his wife use this business and remained present.

Cllr Tarling declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 57. (Application: 186175 The Boathouse, 9 Quay Road, Christchurch) as he knew the resident who spoke in objection to this application socially, but this was not a close social relationship which could create any appearance of bias and remained present.

Cllr M Cox declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 56. a)(Application: 8/21/0386/FUL 7 Bailey Drive Unit 8A Christchurch BH23 2BN) as his ex-brother in-law was his client and was a McDonalds franchisee and his son had previously worked for McDonalds.

Cllr Fotheringham joined the meeting at 6.19pm

49. Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to consider the Internal Audit Report.

The Chairman of the Resources Committee congratulated the Town Clerk for a good audit and further stated that the Town Council should publicize what its plans were for the Reserves figure.

RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Report be noted.

Voting: unanimous

50. Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021

The Annual Governance Statement 2021/2021 was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement be approved (Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return "AGAR") and that the Statement be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk of the meeting where approval was given.

Voting: unanimous

51. Annual Accounts 2020/2021

The Annual Accounts 2020/2021 was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Full Council NOTED the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the Council's year end position as at 31 March 2021; the explanation of variances and the period for the exercise of public rights for inspection of the financial accounts; and
- b) Full Council APPROVED the Annual Accounting Statements for the year ending 31 March 2021 (Section 2 of the AGAR) and the Annual Statements be signed by the Mayor of the meeting where approval was given.

Voting: unanimous

52. Outside Bodies – Christchurch Harbour Association

Members voted for a second Councillor representative for the Christchurch Harbour Association Outside Body.

RESOLVED that Cllr Avril Coulton be appointed as the second Councillor representative to the Christchurch Harbour Association Outside Body.

Voting: unanimous

53. Confirmation of appointment to Committees:

The Town Clerk updated Members on the appointment to Committees.

RESOLVED that the following appointment to Committees were noted:

- a) Cllr Polson be appointed to Resources Committee;
- b) Cllr Polson be appointed to Climate Change Working Group; and
- c) Cllr Spittle be appointed to Community Committee.

54. New Code of Conduct and Training

The Town Clerk submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to consider the new LGA 2020 Code of Conduct and Training.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Council adopts the new Code of Conduct from the Local Government Association (2020); and
- b) Members be trained accordingly by the DAPTC at a date and time which suits.

Voting: 8:1:0

55. Update of signatories to the Council's Bank Account Mandate

The Town Clerk updated Members that following Cllr Neale's resignation, the Council was required to update the Unity Trust Bank Account mandate. The Council's financial regulations required that signatories should be reviewed regularly for safety and efficiency and updates to the mandate were required due to appointments to office for the 2021-2022 municipal year as follows:

- the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Bungey and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Coulton were already signatories and therefore would remain on the mandate;
- Cllr Cox to be added as the new Chairman of Resources Committee;
- Cllr Hilliard had confirmed that he is happy to continue as a signatory;
- Cllr Grace to be added as the new Vice-Chairman of Resources Committee;
- Cllr Dedman to be removed as she is no longer Mayor for this civic year; and
- Cllr Neale to be removed as he has resigned as a Councillor.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) appoints a minimum of 4 Members to be given authority on behalf of the Town Council to authorise payments and sign cheques;**
- (b) the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised and that the Chair and Vice-Chair of Resources Committee also be authorised;**
- (c) appoints 1 additional Member to also be authorised from Resources Committee for business continuity purposes; and**
- d) confirms the following members to be appointed as bank account signatories on behalf of the Town Council to authorise payments and sign cheques:**

Cllr Mrs Sue Bungey

Cllr Avril Coulton

Cllr Michael Cox

Cllr Wendy Grace

Cllr Paul Hilliard

Voting: unanimous

56. Planning Applications

Members were asked to consider the applications listed below and that the following comments be forwarded to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council:

a) Application: 8/21/0386/FUL 7 Bailey Drive Unit 8A Christchurch BH23 2BN

Demolition of existing Class E(b) unit, construction of a replacement construction Class E(b)/Sui Generis (including take away) use, with associated car park and site alterations.

The Town Clerk read out a statement on behalf of the applicant's agent, a copy of which appears at appendix 'E' to these minutes in the minute book.

Members considered that McDonalds was a well-run business, although concerns were raised for any additional traffic caused by the application.

Cllr Jones proposed a motion that no objection be raised, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Tarling.

RESOLVED that that no objection be raised to this application.

Voting: 6:1:3

Cllr M Cox declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as his ex-brother in-law was his client and was a McDonalds franchisee and his son had previously worked for McDonalds and remained present.

- b) Application: 8/20/0695/FUL 140 Stanpit Christchurch BH23 3NE**
Demolition of existing home. 2 storey replacement dwelling.

The Committee was divided as one Member objected to this application as it was in a conservation area and felt that the development would block the light and views for residents, whilst other Members did not object as they considered that there was no right to a view.

Cllr Tarling proposed a motion that no objection be raised, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Spittle.

RESOLVED that no objection be raised to this application.

Voting: 8:0:2

- c) Application: 8/21/0447/DCONS 140 Stanpit Christchurch BH23 3NE**
Demolition of existing home. 2 storey replacement dwelling.

RESOLVED that no objection be raised to this application.

Voting: 8:0:2

- d) Application: 8/21/0437/FUL 1 High Street Christchurch BH23 1AE**

Erect a block of 8 no. flats, a commercial unit and integral cycle store; and a detached block of 3 no. terraced houses with integral car ports, with associated car parking and vehicular access off Sopers Lane.

Cllr Tarling felt that this development was in keeping with the area and proposed a motion that the Town Council supports this application, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Spittle.

RESOLVED that the Town Council supports this application.

Voting: 8:1:1

Cllr Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item for the purposes of transparency as Tony Hair although the business is not affected by the application, both he and his wife use this business and remained present.

57. Licensing Application

Members were asked to consider the application listed below and that the following comments be forwarded to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council:

Application: [186175](#) The Boathouse, 9 Quay Road, Christchurch. BH23 1BU
Application to Vary Premises Licence. Remove condition 2.10 to allow Off Sales of alcohol on a permanent basis Monday to Sunday until 23:00.

A resident spoken in objection to this application raising concerns for antisocial behaviour, a copy of which appears at appendix 'F' to these minutes in the minute book.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Quomps is a public space, the premise were only able to do so much, and that once people walk off the premise, then the control stops and any antisocial behaviour becomes a Police matter.

Members objected to the application as the public left the Boat House premises and drank alcohol on the quay causing antisocial behaviour, noise, and left rubbish which included broken bottles near the children's play area.

A Member felt that the Council should write to the Police reporting the antisocial behaviour.

Cllr Tarling proposed a motion that the Council raise objection due to the off-sales application having an impact upon crime and disorder on the quayside contributing to anti-social drinking and the impact upon residents' amenity thereby causing

concerns with public nuisance. Cllr Tarling also expressed dissatisfaction due to there being no consultation with the Town Council on land that they manage, and that a letter should be sent to the Police reporting the antisocial behaviour on behalf of the Town Council Cllr Jones seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED that that the Council raise objection due to the application having the clear potential to cause noise related concerns late at night and thereby public nuisance to residents due to off-sales drinking in extremely close proximity to residential premises and the associated litter such as bottles and glass; as well as crime and disorder as a result of off-sales drinking at the quayside which could cause gatherings contributing to drinking-related crime and delegate to the Town Clerk to write on behalf of the Town Council to report antisocial behaviour to Dorset Police.

Voting: unanimous

Cllr Tarling declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he knew the resident who spoke in objection to this application socially, but this was not a close social relationship which could create any appearance of bias and remained present.

The meeting ended at 19.55pm

CHAIRMAN