



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Nelson Town Council held on Tuesday 21st April 2020 via Zoom video conference

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 8.10pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Zafar Ali [Chair], George Adam, Omar Ahmed, Husnan Arshad, Mohammad Aslam, Ali Baig, Sadia Bashir, Laura Blackburn, Wayne Blackburn, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Nazeem Hayat, Fiona Holland, Mashuq Hussain OBE, Mohammad Kamran Latif, Mohammad Sakib, Mohammad Sarwar, Ikram Ul-Haq, Russell Tennant and Sheila Wicks.

Absent Councillors: Councillors Faraz Ahmad, Zulfiqar Ali, Michelle Pearson-Asher and Nigel Pearson-Asher.

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

Officers: Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk [minute taker]

Members of the Public: None

2019/182 (TC)	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Tennant, and RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Faraz Ahmad, Michelle Pearson-Asher and Nigel Pearson-Asher are approved and accepted.</p>
2019/183 (TC)	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p>None declared.</p>
2019/184 (TC)	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p>No members of the public were present at the meeting.</p>
2019/185 (TC)	<p><u>UPDATE ON COVID-19</u> To receive an update around the action being taken in relation to the Covid-19 issue.</p> <p>Following on from the meeting of the EO Full Council on 14th April 2020, actions are now taking place in relation to advertising the contact details of the Crisis Leadership Team. Details of all</p>

	<p>contacts should be going out this week to allow residents of the town to get in touch with the Town Council for any support or advice they may need. The Assistant Town Clerk is also due to liaise with the Pendle Support Hub about arranging the payment of the money not spent on the Easter Extravaganza to instead to as the Town Council's contribution to assisting the Hub.</p> <p>After a successful meeting last week via Zoom video conferencing, the Chairman asked Members if they were comfortable using the software for future Council meetings so that Members, staff and the general public can all attend meetings safely and to allow Council business to be resolved until government restrictions are lifted and meetings can take place face-to-face again.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Latif and Seconded by Councillor Aslam and RESOLVED: That all future meetings of the Council are to be held via Zoom until government advice states otherwise, to ensure the safety of all Members, Town Council employees and members of the public who wish to attend the meetings.</p>
<p>2019/186 (TC)</p>	<p><u>ONGOING CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE MATTER</u> 2019/186.1 Exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. It is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Latif and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and RESOLVED: That no Press or Public be permitted to attend this part of the meeting. Only the Members of the Town Council are to participate, with the Assistant Town Clerk in attendance as minute taker.</p> <p>2019/186.2 To receive an update surrounding a confidential employee matter.</p> <p>REDACTED.</p>
<p>2019/187 (TC)</p>	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u> To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 update • Ongoing Confidential Employee Matter
<p>2019/188 (TC)</p>	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</u> To note the date of the next committee meeting is yet to be scheduled, but is expected to take place in May 2020 at Nelson Town Hall.</p> <p>Members agreed that an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council needs to take place the following week to receive updates around items surrounding Covid-19 and the ongoing confidential employee matter.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 20.10pm.</p>