

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 26 April 2021 at 6.00pm via
Zoom conferencing facilities.

Present:-

Cllr Mrs S Bungey – Deputy Mayor (In the chair)

Present: Cllr J Abbott, Cllr V Charrett, Cllr A E Coulton, Cllr Mrs F Cox, Cllr M Cox, Cllr W Grace, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr G R Jarvis, Cllr D C Jones, Cllr S J McCormack, Cllr F F T Neale, Cllr G Polson, Cllr Mrs S Spittle.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs L Dedman, Cllr S Fotheringham, Cllr C A Gardiner and Cllr M Tarling

Officers Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk

Present: Susan Roxby, Administrative Support Officer

Members of the Public present: 1

Members of the Press present: None present.

303. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Spittle joined the meeting at 6.02pm.

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

304. Outside Bodies Representation for 2021/22

A list of Outside Bodies Representation was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these minutes in the minute book.

Members were asked to approve the Outside Bodies and nominations for the Council's representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs F Cox joined the meeting at 6.06pm.

Cllr Coulton proposed a motion that this item be deferred and for the Town Clerk to email or Councillors for nominations of placement of Councillors to

Outside Bodies and to be considered at the Annual Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Cllr Cox. On being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Cllr Mrs Spittle updated Members that there were exciting projects proposed, in the Christchurch Business Plan and the launch was anticipated to be held in August.

The Chairman of the Christchurch BID informed Members that the Ballot would take place in September 2021 with a levy of £130,000. The BID had a list of projects and they did not want to duplicate what the Town Council and Chamber of Trade were doing and therefore a meeting would be arranged between these parties to discuss the projects. The Deputy Mayor advised that the Christchurch BID would be discussed at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Outside Bodies Representation for 2021/22 be deferred; and**
- b) the Town Clerk be delegated to email or Councillors for nominations of appointments of Councillors to Outside Bodies to be considered at the Annual Council meeting.**

Voting: unanimous

305. Procedure Note

A Procedure Note 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.

Members were asked to consider the Council's Procedure Note for determining Membership to the Council's Committees and Other Bodies. The procedure note followed input from Councillors following Cllr David Jones' original amendments. The updated Procedure Note consolidated those comments received with those originally suggested by Cllr Jones. Two issues remain unresolved, which required determination by Council.

Cllr Jones proposed a motion that the preamble in the first introductory paragraph of the Procedure Notes should remain and that the Council should be bound by old Christchurch Borough Council (CBC) Rules of Procedure. This motion was seconded by Cllr Neale.

The Town Clerk stated that it may be unfair for new Town Council Members who had not been a Member of the previous CBC and did not know what those rules were and the limitations.

Cllr Cox opposed this motion which referred to a previous Council and not this Town Council. He considered that the Town Council should develop its own ways of working and strike out this procedure note. Cllr Spittle agreed with Cllr Cox and enquired if DAPTC and NALC had any procedures that we could follow.

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council had adopted the national model of procedure notes from DAPTC. Cllr Mrs Cox felt that our residents would want the Town Council to adopt the national model of procedure notes and not the previous CBC Council.

On being put to the vote the motion as set above was carried

Voting: 7:6 (Cllr Coulton abstained)

Cllr Cox proposed a motion that Paragraph 14 remains that the Council needs to clearly state that a Member can only be a Chairman/Vice-Chairman of only 1 Standing Committee and strike out 'and/or Other Bodies'. The Motion was seconded by Cllr Coulton.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Voting: 8:0 (6 Abstentions)

RESOLVED that the procedure note be updated to include the two points listed:

- i) this Council should be bound by old CBC rules of procedure – first introductory paragraph; and**

Voting: 7:6 (Cllr Coulton abstained)

- ii) the Council to clearly state that a Member can only be Chairman/Vice-Chairman of only 1 Standing Committee accordingly.**

Voting: 8:0 (6 Abstentions)

306. Council Date

Members were asked to consider amending the date for the Annual Council Meeting to Wednesday, 5th May 2021 at 6pm in order that Mayor-Making and Annual Council may be held virtually in a Covid-Secure manner.

RESOLVED that the date for Annual Council Meeting be amended to Wednesday, 5th May 2021 at 6pm in order that Mayor-Making and Annual Council may be held virtually in a Covid-Secure manner.

Voting: unanimous

307. Exempt Business

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the matter relating to the financial and business affairs of the authority concerning negotiations for a contract.

Voting: unanimous

308. Contract Negotiations (Exempt) CCLA Investment Management Limited - Public Sector Deposit Fund (Exempt)

Members were asked to consider the amount to be invested in the CCLA Investment Management Limited - Public Sector Deposit Fund.

Meeting ended at 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN