

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

In accordance with s78 of the Local Authorities and Police Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulation 2020

19 August, 2020

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Present
Councillors:

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| Cleeve | Rolfe |
| J Fradgley | Taylor (Chairman) |
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Clerks: Town Clerk
GP Clerk

Public: No members of the public were present

Press: No members of the press were present

15) Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coles, Fojtik and Wall and accepted for the reasons given.

16) Declarations of Interests

None.

17) To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests

None.

18) To grant any requests for dispensation

None.

19) Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

20) Minutes

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED: That the Draft Open Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 22 October, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

21) To Adopt Draft Notes of Sub-Group Meetings

- Website, Social Media & Newsletter Panel

The GP Clerk confirmed that 1,000 copies of the newsletter have now been delivered to the Town Hall and are ready for collection and distribution by Councillors to pertinent locations in their ward.

Cllr J Fradgley expressed concern about the decision made regarding the distribution of the Bridging the Gap newsletter.

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED: That the notes from the Website, Social Media & Newsletter Panel meetings held on 21 July and 4 August be adopted.

- Climate Change Emergency Panel

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED: The draft notes from the Climate Change Emergency Panel meeting held on 30 July, 2020 be adopted.

Proposed new Committee Structure – Heritage & Events -v- Community Services

At the Mayoral, Civic Ceremonial and Events Committee Meeting

held on 21 July, 2020 it was recommended by the members that items 4.8 – 4.14 (Town Hall), items 4.15 - 4.17 (Cemetery) of the Heritage and Events Terms of Reference be transferred to Community Services, and item 4.18 (Town Centre Strategic Partnership) to be transferred to the Planning Consultative Committee.

This was then reviewed at the Governance and Policies Panel meeting held on 11 August, 2020, where it was agreed that items 4.8 – 4.14 of the Heritage and Events Terms of Reference should remain within the remit of that committee. However, it was suggested that the wording of 4.14 should be amended from:

4.14 To approve pro-bono use of the Town Hall

to:

4.14 To approve dates for pro-bono use of the Town Hall to enable the Community Services Committee to engage with organisations within the community seeking to hire the Town Hall on a pro-bono basis

It was also agreed that items 4.15 – 4.17 should be transferred to the Community Services Terms of Reference.

It was noted that the Terms of Reference for Town Council and all Committees would be reviewed annually, and any required amendment can be done at this point.

It was unanimously AGREED to accept the Terms of Reference for the Community Services and Heritage and Events Committees.

22) Date of Next General Purposes Committee Meeting

The next virtual Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, or the Community Services Committee if the new structure is approved by Town Council at its September Meeting, will take place at 6:00pm on Tuesday 20 October, 2020 using Zoom technology. If legislation reverts to the Local Government Act allowing meetings at the Town Hall, the meeting will take place at 6.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10:48am.