

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINAR MEETING OF SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2024 AT 6.00PM**

Present: Miss A Owen – Mayor of Sudbury, in the CHAIR
Mrs M Barrett Mr K Graham
Mr P Beer Mrs J Osborne
Mr N Bennett Mr T Regester
Mrs P Berry-Kilby Mr A Stohr
Ms E Murphy Mr A Welsh

In attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk
Mr D Deeks – Administration Manager and RFO

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms J Carter, Mr S Hall, Mr A Osborne and Mr N Younger.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Mr P Beer, Miss A Owen and Mr T Regester declared they were Babergh District Councillors.

Councillor Mr P Beer declared that he was a Suffolk County Councillor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

No declarations of gifts or hospitality were received.

4. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensations had been received.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 9th July 2024 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

6. TO DISCUSS WHETHER THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT THE PROCESS OF MAKING THE SNOOKER CLUB AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Members discuss the continuing risk that there might be further applications to change the planning status of the snooker club in North Street and the merits of nominating this as an asset of community value. A member of the snooker club attended the meeting and explained the wider value that the snooker club provided as a venue for other groups and for private function hire. Cllr T Regester offered to work with the snooker club to produce the draft nomination papers which would be completed by the Town Council and submitted to Babergh District Council for inclusion on their list of assets of community value.

RESOLVED

That Sudbury Town Council will nominate the snooker club on North Street as an asset of community value.

7. TO SET UP A DELPHI WORKING GROUP, AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND APPOINT MEMBERS.

The Mayor outlined her concern about the future of the Delphi site and proposed forming a working group, with representation from each political group, to discuss future options and make recommendations to the full council.

RESOLVED

To set up a Delphi working group with the following terms of reference (TORs)

The group will consist of the following 6 members.

- **Mayor as Chair – Cllr Miss A Owen**
- **Conservative – Cllr Mr P Beer**
- **Liberal Democrat – Cllr Mr N Bennett**
- **Labour – Cllr Mr A Stohr**
- **Reform – Cllr Ms E Murphy**
- **Independent – Cllr A Osborne**

The group will meet on dates agreed between the Chair and the Town Clerk.

The group will discuss future options for the Delphi site and make recommendations to the Full Council.

8. TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL SPENDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HR COMMITTEE OF £8,000

The Chair of the HR Committee explained the difficulty in recruiting suitable candidates to cover the temporary vacancy as a market operator. Currently, this role was paid at the single rate for all hours although some of the essential working hours were more anti-social than others. The HR Committee recommended that, in future, the market operator be paid at the 'time and a half' rate for the hours 6:00 to 8:00am on Thursdays and for the whole 11 hour working day on Saturdays. It was hoped that this would make this essential work more attractive both to new employees and to existing staff.

As this higher rate of pay had not been included in the approved budget for FY2024-2025, the extra expenditure would need to be met from the general reserve. The Town Clerk and Administration Manager had calculated that this extra cost would not exceed £8,000 and extra costs in future years would be included in the draft budget.

RESOLVED

To approve additional expenditure of up to £8,000 in Financial Year 2024-2025 for the market operator to be paid at the 'time and a half' rate for the hours 6:00 to 8:00am on Thursdays and for the whole 11 hour working day on Saturdays.

9. TO APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT

A complaint had been received by the Town Council and this would need to be examined by a sub-committee in accordance with the Council's complaints procedure.

RESOLVED

That the members listed below be appointed as a sub-committee to investigate the complaint.

- Cllr Mrs M Barrett
- Cllr Mrs P Berry-Kilby
- Cllr Mr K Graham
- Cllr Ms E Murphy

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6:30 pm.

Chairman 

