

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018

Present

Chairman: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis

Councillors: Cllr J. Broom, Cllr R. Doney, Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr S. Miller, Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds, Cllr P. Ridley, Cllr J. Scowen, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr S. Williams

Officers: Mr M. Adamson-Drage (operations manager), Mrs A. Mullins (administrative officer), Mr J. Wright (town clerk)

Guests: Mr S. Porter (LF Webb)

17/164/C Public Forum

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

17/165/C Apologies for Absence

Cllr P. Hicks
Cllr O. Lovell
Cllr D. Hallett – holiday
Cllr S. Larcombe – family commitments

17/166/C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

17/167/C Dispensations

There was no grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

17/168/C Refurbishment of Marine Parade Public Toilets

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr S. Miller, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business as it included confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

17/162/C Exempt Business

Mr S. Porter took members through the main features of the specification details, against which companies were asked to tender.

The town clerk said it had been decided to separate the ventilation from the tenders and to appoint a mechanical and engineering consultant to advise the council on what system was required.

Mr S. Porter said the consultant would look at whether the successful contractor had chosen a ventilation system which was sufficient for the space and standards required.

Cllr B. Larcombe asked at what point in the process members would be asked to consider the finishings, such as the colour of the cubicle walls and doors.

Cllr J. Broom said detail such as this couldn't be chosen by committee, but members would be informed which finishings had been chosen.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds, members **RESOLVED** to accept the tender from and appoint Skinner of Sidmouth to refurbish the Marine Parade toilets for £74,818.93 excluding VAT, to exclude the ventilation system, the final specification for which will be approved by the town clerk.

Members discussed the application from a council tenant for a rent reduction or rent-free period during the refurbishment works.

Cllr B. Larcombe said he would favour a rent reduction as the problem was not of the tenant's making.

It was proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe to approve a rent reduction for the amusement arcade during the period of refurbishment works to the Marine Parade toilets.

This motion was not seconded.

There was some concern that the council would set a precedent if it allowed a rent reduction or rent-free period during the works.

The town clerk reminded members that another tenant had asked for a rent reduction during refurbishment works, which the council had refused. He said it was important for the council to understand the likely level of disruption.

Cllr S. Miller suggested a 50% reduction during the works as access would not be completely impeded.

Cllr S. Williams suggested a 25% reduction as the works would not be taking place at evenings and weekends.

The operations manager said he had assured the tenant access to the premises would not be impeded and the temporary toilets would be outside the Jubilee Pavilion.

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis said she wanted to ensure vehicles were only allowed on the parade to load and unload and the compound was kept as small as possible.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to agree a 50% rent reduction for the amusement arcade during the refurbishment works to the Marine Parade toilets.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm.

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