

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019

Present

Chairman: The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J. Scowen

Councillors: Cllr Ms B. Bawden, Cllr J. Broom, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, Cllr R. Smith, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr S. Williams

Officers: Mrs A. Mullins (administrative officer), Mr J. Wright (town clerk)

Guests: Mr R. Hussey (Crickmay Stark Architects)

19/96/C Public Forum

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

19/97/C Apologies for Absence

The mayor, Cllr B. Larcombe – holiday
Cllr D. Ruffle – holiday
Cllr D. Sarson – holiday
Cllr Ms G. Stammers – holiday
Cllr Miss K. Ellis – personal commitment

19/98/C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

19/99/C Dispensations

There were no dispensations.

19/100/C Shelters' Roof Works

Mr R. Hussey, of Crickmay Stark Architects, said tenders had been received from five contractors and a sixth had withdrawn from the process. He said new railings had not been included in the reduced scope of works and there was no scope to improve the current railings. However, since the tender return date and following discussions with the deputy town clerk and Cllr J. Broom, a third option had been explored with one of the sub-contractors to try and reduce the cost of the stainless steel and glass balustrade. He said this had resulted in the cost of railings being halved to £97,500.

Proposed by Cllr J. Scowen and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, 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 matters relating to relating to the financial or business affairs of

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any 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.

The town clerk said if members chose to do the basic roof work with no 'extras', the total project cost would be £440k, which included professional fees and a £15k contingency. He said this was over the £400k budget.

The town clerk said members could consider some additional works and he suggested members could look at what was practical to do during the project and what could be done in the future.

Mr R. Hussey said adding in the railings would increase the contract duration from 15 to 22 weeks, further increasing to 25 weeks to take into account Christmas and Easter. However, he said any impact on tenants over Easter would be limited as it would be approaching the end of the works.

Mr R. Hussey said the cost of replacing the railings would also include contractor profit and the removal of the existing railings.

Cllr J. Broom said none of the works over and above the basic re-roofing were essential, and omitting these would bring about considerable savings, which could be used for new railings. He said installing the railings at this point would mean there was a guarantee for the whole roof and it would only require one lot of scaffolding.

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis agreed the new railings should be included, but she also felt the removal of the steps and re-modelling of the ramp should also be done now as it would be more difficult to do at a later date. She also asked if the preferred contractor came with any recommendations.

Mr R. Hussey said his company didn't have a long working relationship with the preferred contractor but he was aware they had completed a complicated re-roofing project 12 months ago, which had been delivered on time and on budget.

It was proposed by Cllr J. Scowen and seconded by Cllr J. Broom to accept the lowest quote from Harris Bros & Collard Ltd for work to the roof of the shelters and to include within the agreed scope of works the replacement of the railings.

This motion was not carried.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr Ms B. Bawden, members **RESOLVED** to accept the lowest quote from Harris Bros & Collard Ltd for work to the roof of the shelters and to include within the agreed scope of works the replacement of the railings and the removal of the steps and remodelling of the ramp at the change in roof levels.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm.