

Minutes of Alfreton Town Council

Full Council 17th November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Present

Chairman: Councillor M Bennett

Councillors: J Gdula, H Jowett, M Kerry, S Marshall-Clarke, A Richardson, C Robinson, B Slade, J Walker, S Walker, K Wood

Staff: Town Clerk David Holmes, Town Clerk Tina Crookes, Assistant Town Clerk Vic Johnstone

Public: None

# MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL

# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Standing orders were suspended and due to access issues Councillor S Marshall-Clarke took the chair**

## 63/20 To receive apologies for absence

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time, or to request a dispensation. Please note that appropriate forms should be completed prior to commencement of the meeting.

## That apologies were received and APPROVED from Councillors

D Taylor

L Hunt-Slade will join the meeting late

## 64/20 To receive any declarations of interest from Members

Members declared an interest in the following items:

1. **73/20c** To consider a Grant application from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre for £5,000

Non-pecuniary interest

Councillor S Marshall-Clarke – to leave the meeting

M Kerry - to leave the meeting

1. 73/20h To consider a Sponsorship request from Alfreton Town Football Club Personal interest

Councillors S Walker – to remain in the meeting but not take part

J Walker - – to remain in the meeting but not take part

1. 76/20 To ratify planning applications

Pecuniary interest

Councillor J Walker – to leave the meeting

## 65/20 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings

There were no public present

## 66/20 Public Participation

There were no public present

## 67/20 To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public

**RESOLVED**

1. 73/20g Christmas Lights Contract Expiry and Renewal

That due to commercial confidence this item is take in exclusion

## 68/20 To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available

There were none

## 69/20 To read and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.

The minutes were read

## 70/20 After consideration to approve the signature of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 20th October 2020 by the person presiding as a correct record

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were approved as a correct record

## 71/20 To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting

There were none

## 72/20 To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees

1. Regeneration working party 3rd November 2020

The recommendations were approved

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Town Council expresses a commitment to establish a Community Hub
2. That the Town Council commissions Amber Valley CVS to complete, for and with it, an outline plan for the project of setting up a Community Hub in Alfreton. That advice would also include information to support the budget setting process to budget for a Community Project for 2021/2022 as well as a feasibility study for the Hub. That exercise would take 10 to 15 days between December 2020 and March 2021. The Town Council is recommended to commit £3750 from its 2020 / 2021 budget. That feasibility and advisory study’s specification and scope would be agreed by the Regeneration Working Group, taking into consideration community needs
3. That a budget is identified in the 2021/2022 Town Council budgets for a ‘Community Fund’ based on the advice from Amber Valley CVS.
4. That Officers identify alternative venues in Alfreton which may be available and suitable to house a Community Hub
5. That Councillor M Bennett joins the Regeneration working group
6. Events Committee 3rd November 2020

The minutes were approved as a correct record

**RESOLVED**

* 1. Event scaled down due to to 5th November – 2nd December lockdown

Reduced contact

Minimal person required for filming

Songs changed for ease as only Schools involved:

When Santa got stuck up the chimney

Rudolf the red nosed reindeer

Jingle bells

Along with the Countdown 10-1

* 1. Competitions open to Alfreton residents only other than

the picture competition will include children who attend schools in Alfreton

* 1. Judging of competitions agreed

Character Hunt – AVBC

Picture Competition – MB

Window Dressing – Football Club

Scavenger Hunt – SNT

Prizes all locally sourced

1st Pottery session for 4

2nd Marios or Frydays vouchers

3rd Sweet hampers

Window dressing £100.00 Lotus Lounge Voucher

## 73/20 To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.

1. To receive an update on Police contacts

Members considered the detail received

**RESOLVED**

1. The flowchart is not realistic and some public will not contact 101 for all matters that require reporting. The program discourages local contact and relationships with residents.
2. That a copy of the letter is sent to the Superintendent to highlight the concerns that this has raised and the abrupt response and that a suitable resolution is raised
3. That a representative attends the Amber Valley Borough Council Improvement and Scrutiny Committee to obtain a response to this issue which has been raised concerning use of zoom
4. To provide budget requests for 2021/22

**RESOLVED**

That members confirm through Officers their budget requests for 2021/22

That a post is prepared to engage residents with the budget setting process and that ideas for future projects are welcomed, include example of what this could and couldn’t include

**Councillors S Marshall-Clarke and M Kerry left the meeting**

**Councillor S Walker chaired the meeting**

1. To consider a Grant application from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre for £5,000

R**ESOLVED**

1. That a grant of £5000 is approved
2. That DUWC are invited to apply for further funds in municipal year for specific projects

**Councillors S Marshall-Clarke and M Kerry re-joined the meeting. Councillor S Marshall Clarke resumed the Chair**

1. To receive the Census 2021 Councillor Handbook

**RESOLVED**

1. That a response is sent to;
   1. highlight the concerns with online access issues and exclusion of some residents
   2. available offices at Alfreton House
2. To consider a report on hygiene services in Alfreton House

**RESOLVED**

1. That the quotation from Cathedral Hygiene of £52.00 + VAT per quarter is accepted from the properties budget
2. That a baby changing unit is installed up to £350.00 plus installation by RSM from the properties budget 2020/2021 subject to satisfactory confirmation that the installation is suitable
3. That the disabled toilet in Alfreton House is added to the Community Toilet Scheme(CTS) AVBC
4. To work with support networks in Alfreton to provide support to vulnerable families during the festive period

The Town Council were overwhelmed with support for the free meals during the school holidays. The Mayor, Councillor H Jowett-Frost and D Taylor were thanked for their support

**RESOLVED**

1. That should the Town Council want to provide additional support over the festive period, this is done anonymously though support networks
2. That the donated funds are set aside to support this initiative in consultation with the Lead Member of Finance and Personnel
3. Christmas Lights Contract Expiry and Renewal

**ITEM TAKEN IN EXCLUSION**

**RESOLVED**

That the contract is considered in consultation with the Christmas Lights Committee

1. To consider a Sponsorship request from Alfreton Town Football Club

**RESOLVED**

1. Distribution of 300 Alfreton Town FC branded face coverings to Alfreton schools.
2. Acknowledgement of the Town Council as an ongoing sponsor within the clubs match day program and on the clubs website.
3. Continuation of the Town Councils advertisement board in a prominent position for live streaming.
4. Provision of 210 match day tickets/live stream passes across the next twelve months, ten streaming passes, then ten tickets to any home games which allow spectators
5. Welcome of the Town Councils guest at such games via the public address system or live streaming as appropriate.
6. To consider additional winter bedding scheme

**RESOLVED**

* 1. That costs are allocated to the Environment budget up to £510.00
  2. That the Lead and Support Member for environment are consulted to complete this project, within the given budget
  3. That the costs are reported to a future meeting

1. Footpath To receive a response from DCC regarding footpath 70/71

**RESOLVED**

* 1. That a response to points in the letter from DCC are requested from AVBC
  2. Respond to DCC to enquire about the safe, suitable and reasonable footpath comment in the letter asking for a plan of what they have put in place

**Councillors H Jowett-Frost and S Walker left the meeting**

## 74/20 To authorise the signing of orders for payment

October £16,766.64

Members heard that the Audit has been completed with no identified actions or comments a report will be presented at a future meeting

## 75/20 To receive reports from Members who may have attended Outside Bodies meetings

**Derbyshire Unemployed Workers** – Councillors Steve Marshall-Clarke & Mary Kerry

AGM attended on 17/11/2020

Significant amount of money secured to provide a Polish translator at Shirebrook

## 76/20 To ratify Planning Applications:

Application to Vary Existing Street Trading Consent - Pegg's Fruit and Flowers, Institute Lane, Alfreton Derbyshire

**No Comments made**

**AVA/2020/0973**  
**Proposal:** Alterations and extension to house  
**Location:**  
5 Derby Road Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 7AQ

**No comments made**

AVA/2020/0922

**Lead Member D Taylor declared an interest in this matter which was dealt with by the members of the committee**

**Proposal:** Two storey side extension  
**Location:**

9 Prospect Street Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 7GX   
**No comments made**

## 77/20 To review and approve the following policies:

There were none

## 78/20 To consider 4 topics for communication

Football Club sponsorship.

Unemployed Workers grant.

Winter bedding.

2021 census.

To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, to consider a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

73/20g also refers

Christmas Lights Contract Expiry and Renewal

**ITEM TAKEN IN EXCLUSION**

**RESOLVED**

That the contract is considered in consultation with the Christmas Lights Committee