

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 2020/07/27 – 19

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL held via Zoom¹ on Monday 27th July 2020 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs W Leach (Chairman), J Carr, A Harley, R Holmes, S Holmes, R Kemsley, P Macklin, S Stockham and S Turner

District Cllr C Vaughan
Three members of the public
Mr S Holley – Town Clerk and Minute Taker

1. **APOLOGIES**

Received from Councillors J Greenwood and A Preest.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public asked how she could view the subsequent Trust meetings and was advised that the same Zoom link would work for all three meetings.

A member of the Council asked whether the Standing Orders allowed only residents of Lydney to speak in the Open Forum and the Clerk was able to advise that Standing Orders 3 (d) and 3 (e) allowed ‘members of the public’ to attend, make representations etc. without being limited to residents.

4. **REPLACEMENT OF THE HAYTER MOWER**

The Council received the Town Clerk’s report, which outlined the options for acquiring a replacement for the Hayter mower, which was beyond economic repair and unanimously **RESOLVED**:

(i) that the Council acquire a Rotary Mower with 72” bed and road homologation kit under a five-year lease, having first considered the options for (a) purchasing a new or second-hand machine (b) leasing a replacement machine;

(ii) that the Council notes the Head Gardener / Grounds Foreman’s report on the extra work that could be taken on by acquiring a machine with greater capacity / efficiency than the Hayter mower it will replace;

(ii) that the Council notes the assessment that the cost-savings from taking over existing mowing contracts for the work to be done ‘in-house’ will either offset the cost of a purchase or wholly pay for a lease (with effect from 1st April 2021).

Action by the Town Clerk

5. **RE-OPENING THE HIGH STREETS – PROMOTIONAL VIDEO**

The Council was requested to consider whether to commission a professional video from Wye Dean Tourism as part of the package of measures in support of ‘Re-opening Our High Streets Safely’ The offer to each of the four Forest towns was to compile the video, along with four shorter clips for social media, a list of shops on the high street and a list of local events for £2,500. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the offer with the following Record of Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Absentions – 2, Absent/Apologies – 2, Vacant seats - 4

¹ The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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6. **MEETING DATES**

It was noted the next scheduled Full Council meeting would take place on Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

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7. **MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Council resolved to continue in ‘Closed Session’ under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the following business to be conducted was considered to be of a confidential nature.

8. **STAFF MATTERS**

Details available in the Confidential Minutes only.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm

Chairman

Date