

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 2022/03/07 – 61a

Minutes of the meeting held at Watney Hall, 3 Hill Street, Lydney
on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors A Harley (Mayor and Chair of the meeting), S Cave,
R Holmes, S Holmes, P Macklin, L Penny, S Stockham, S Thomas-
Brown, T Saunders and E Taylor.

Mr S Holley, Town Clerk (Minutes)

The Mayor welcomed all present and gave the usual 'housekeeping' announcements.

1. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Harris, Kemsley and Leach. Councillors Greenwood and Vaughan were absent.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.
3. **OPEN FORUM**
No members of the public were present.
4. **LYDNEY DOCTORS' SURGERIES**
 - (i) It was explained that this Extraordinary Meeting had been convened because of a perception of urgent need to register as community assets the buildings currently housing the two Doctors' Surgeries in Lydney; i.e. the Lydney Surgery, The Health Centre, Albert Street and Severnbank Surgery, Tutnalls Street. The Council had been provided with guidance on the procedure for nomination at its meeting in February.
 - (ii) In view of the perceived urgency and in anticipation of the nomination being formally approved, the Town Clerk had already submitted the appropriate forms to the District Council. He had first made sure that the nomination could be withdrawn if the Council wished and in the knowledge that not one objection had been received following informal consultation by email. It was now open to the Council to ratify the Clerk's action or request withdrawal of the nominations.
 - (iii) Councillor Stockham Proposed that the Council ratify the Clerk's action in submitting the forms to nominate the Doctors' Surgeries as assets of community value. Seconded by Councillor S Holmes and unanimously APPROVED.
 - (iv) Councillor Penny informed the Council that CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) had said nothing had happened recently with regard to the surgeries, but CCG was awaiting advice from GDoc (Gloucestershire's GP Co-operative). It was working with the two surgeries to provide primary care. There was no evidence that the Co-op had been sold yet although another member had been advised that the Co-op employees had been told of a sale. It was understood the purchaser was from within the Healthcare industry, giving rise to speculation that this was to facilitate a 'super surgery' into which the two existing surgeries would relocate. While this news gave some assurance that the Co-op building would still be a community asset it had not been confirmed, so the Clerk was requested to make the nomination of the Co-op as an asset of community value an Agenda item for the meeting of the Council to be held the following week.

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5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS AND FUTURE BUSINESS**

Monday 14th March 2022 – Watney Hall, 3 Hill Street. Likely business to include:

- (i) Any action arising from this meeting requiring further discussion
- (ii) Initiating the search for new Burial Ground and Burial Fees for 2022/23 (Note: usually follows the District Council's update to burial charges)
- (iii) Dates, venues and arrangements for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council

Chair

Date