



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

COMMUNITY ASSETS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 20 May 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present: Cllrs J Bright, K Bright, J Hobson, C Kemp, A Munns, J Nichols,

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

150. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2024-25

RESOLVED:

- i) That Cllr K Bright be appointed Chairman of the committee.**
- ii) That Cllr Garner be appointed Vice Chairman of the committee**

151. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members received and discussed the current document. It was agreed an extra point distinguishing commercial and community use of the council's assets needs to be made.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will make the changes and bring the document to the next Council meeting for approval.

152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were offered and accepted from Cllrs. Garner and Leys. Cllr Roberts was absent.

153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

154. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

155. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None

156. SARAH THORNE THEATRE

Theatre producer Michael Wheatley-Ward attended the meeting to discuss the present set-up and future outlook of the community amenity. It is understood that KCC to whom the building belongs, is re-evaluating its portfolio and liquidating some assets. The future of the theatre has not yet been discussed or decided. Members noted that the building is already listed as an asset of community value and as such, should KCC wish to sell it, they would have to give 6 months' notice in order that the community has the opportunity to consider raising the necessary funds, if it wishes

to. Members thanked Mr Wheatley-Ward for alerting them to the possible loss of a much valued community asset and agreed to give some thought as to how the Town Council may be able to assist in assuring the future of the theatre.

157. HEARING LOOP

Members received a report on research undertaken to improve sound quality in the Council Chamber. Of all the options the Soundfield system appears most cost effective and suited to the surroundings.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk investigate this system further and report back at the next meeting.

158. ALBION STREET TOILETS

Members received some background information and discussed whether the Council was interested in acquiring the building.

RESOLVED: that a condition survey be requested from TDC and examined prior to any further consideration.

The following business was undertaken in accordance of the provision of standing order 3d with a resolution made to exclude the public due to the confidential nature of the business.

159. BANDSTAND KIOSK

Members received background information on the current arrangements with TDC.

RESOLVED:

i) Members will make their own enquiries as to future options for the site. These to tie in with renewal of kiosk license in 2026.

ii) Members to report back at the next meeting so that minor improvements to the site can be considered.

160. COMMERCIAL LETS

Members received information on the current tenants. They noted that the vacating of the Cottage had gone smoothly and the tenant had paid his bills in full.

RESOLVED:

i) That Girlings be asked to assist in the negotiations with the tenant whose lease expires in December 2024 at a cost of approximately £1250.

ii) That legal advice be sought concerning the tenant who has vacated but still owes money.

Members of the public, had any been present were permitted to re-enter the meeting.

161. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 June 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Signed _____

Date _____