

SWT Special Full Council - 3 November 2020

Present: Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey (Chair)

Councillors Ian Aldridge, Benet Allen, Lee Baker, Marcus Barr, Mark Blaker, Chris Booth, Paul Bolton, Sue Buller, Dixie Darch, Dave Durdan, Kelly Durdan, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, Andrew Govier, Roger Habgood, Andrew Hadley, John Hassall, Ross Henley, Marcia Hill, John Hunt, Marcus Kravis, Andy Milne, Richard Lees, Sue Lees, Libby Lisgo, Mark Lithgow, Dave Mansell, Chris Morgan, Craig Palmer, Derek Perry, Peter Pilkington, Andy Pritchard, Steven Pugsley, Mike Rigby, Francesca Smith, Federica Smith-Roberts, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Phil Stone, Andrew Sully, Nick Thwaites, Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Ray Tully, Sarah Wakefield, Alan Wedderkopp, Danny Wedderkopp, Brenda Weston, Keith Wheatley, Loretta Whetlor and Gwil Wren

Officers: Dawn Adey, Tim Bacon, Jo Comer, Lesley Dolan, Paul Fitzgerald, James Hassett, Alison North, Clare Rendell, Amy Tregellas and Joe Wharton

(The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm)

57. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors N Cavill, S Coles, H Davies, C Ellis, Mr M Hill, J Lloyd, and M Peters.

58. Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Minute No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr L Baker	All Items	Cheddon Fitzpaine & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Barr	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Blaker	All Items	Wiveliscombe	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr P Bolton	All Items	Minehead	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Booth	All Items	Wellington and Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr A Govier	All Items	SCC & Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr Mrs Hill	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr J Hunt	All Items	SCC & Bishop's	Personal	Spoke and Voted

		Hull		
Cllr R Lees	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Lees	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Lisgo	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Lithgow	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr A Milne	All Items	Porlock	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Morgan	All Items	Stogursey	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Palmer	All Items	Minehead	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr D Perry	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr P Pilkington	All Items	Timberscombe	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr H Prior-Sankey	All Items	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Rigby	All Items	SCC & Bishops Lydeard	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr F Smith	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr F Smith-Roberts	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr V Stock-Williams	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Tully	All Items	West Monkton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr A Wedderkopp	All Items	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr D Wedderkopp	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr B Weston	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Whetlor	All Items	Watchet	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr G Wren	All Items	Clerk to Milverton PC	Personal	Spoke and Voted

Councillor S Buller further declared an interest as an owner of an investment flat and Councillor F Smith-Roberts further declared an interest as an occupier of Auction House on the Firepool site.

59. **Public Participation - To receive only in relation to the business for which the Extraordinary Meeting has been called any questions, statements or petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 14,15 and 16**

No members of the public had requested to speak on any item on the agenda.

60. **To receive any communications or announcements from the Chair of the**

Council

The Chair of the Council advised councillors that she had laid a wreath on behalf of Somerset West and Taunton in Vivary Park and then requested that Full Council marked a two minute silence for Remembrance Day.

61. **To receive any communications or announcements from the Leader of the Council**

The Leader of the Council reminded councillors that the country was due to head into its second period of lockdown on 5 November 2020 and that Somerset West and Taunton was ready to support the community as it had during the first lockdown.

62. **To receive only in relation to the business for which the Extraordinary Meeting has been called any questions from Councillors in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13**

No questions were received in relation to Procedure Rule 13.

63. **Access to Information - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

64. **Delivering Regeneration – Setting up a Special Purpose Vehicle**

Resolved that Full Council:

- 1.1 Approved the creation of (name to be confirmed) as a company limited by shares and wholly-owned by the Council in accordance with the principles of future business cases set out in the report;
- 1.2 Delegated authority to the Director of Development and Place (in consultation with the Executive) to register the name of (the SPV) and complete all practical, financial and legal matters to enable (the group SPV) to be established including approval of the final form of all necessary legal documentation and thereafter oversee operations of the Council; and
- 1.3 That Projects and services were added to the Group on a business case by business case basis as approved by Full Council and performance monitored through the Shareholder Agreement.

65. **Regeneration of Firepool: Business Case for Phase 1 delivery (Infrastructure and Block 1)**

Resolved that Full Council approved the recommendations contained within the confidential report.

66. **Purchase and development of Tangier Gas Works Site**

Resolved that Full Council approved the recommendations contained within the confidential report.

(The Meeting ended at 8.10 pm)

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