



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Full Council
held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council

10 February 2022

Present: Councillors S Budd (Chairman), D Somers, R Hunt, R Sunderland, C Johnson, P Morgan, J Dowling, C Edwardson, S Jones, M Palmer, S Hill and S Bassett

Absent: Councillors J Hunt, S Al-Hassan and R Nichols

In attendance: Kath MacConnachie (Town Clerk)

2021.168. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nichols and Al-Hassan.

2021.169. **Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

Councillor R Hunt declared an interest pertaining to agenda items 11 'Localism contract 2022/23 – maintenance services and cleansing' and 12 'To approve three-year contract with South Gloucestershire Council for internal audit services commencing 1 April 2022'.

2021.170. **Public participation**

There were no members of the public present.

2021.171. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13 January 2022**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2022 were a true and accurate record of the meeting and these were signed by the Chairman.

2021.172. **Outstanding Items from these Minutes**

There were no outstanding items from these minutes.

2021.173. **Planning Committee update**

A verbal update was received from the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2021.174. **Finance Committee update**

A verbal update was received from the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

2021.175. **Open Spaces Committee update**

A verbal update was received from the Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee.

2021.176. **Climate Emergency Working Group update**

A verbal update was received from Councillor Sunderland as the lead member of the CEWG.

2021.177. **Youth Service 2022-24 contract award**

The Finance Committee had reviewed and scored the tenders received for the 2022-24 youth service provision.

It was **Resolved** to ratify the decision of the Finance Committee to award the contract for youth service provision for EGTC to Creative Youth Network for 2022-2024, as set out in the tender documentation.

Action: Clerk

2021.178. **Localism contract 2022/23**

Councillor R Hunt left the meeting.

It was **Resolved** to award the contract for maintenance services and cleansing (localism) to South Gloucestershire Council, as recommended by the Open Spaces Committee.

Action: Clerk

2021.179. **Internal audit services commencing 1 April 2022**

It was **Resolved** to enter a three-year agreement with South Gloucestershire Council for internal audit services. It was **Resolved** to approve the expenditure of £275 per day for the 2022/23 internal audit service.

Action: Clerk

Councillor R Hunt re-joined the meeting.

2021.180. **Local Nature Action Plan**

It was **Resolved** that the Town Council would create a Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP). It was **Resolved** that a LNAP Working Group be created to take this forward. Councillors Sunderland, Hill, Palmer and Basset volunteered to be involved, with others to contact Councillor Sunderland if they wished to join the group.

Action: Cllrs Sunderland, Hill, Palmer and Bassett

2021.181. **Environmental Enforcement**

It was noted that South Gloucestershire Council had appointed two Environmental Enforcement Officers who had called into the Town Council office asking if there were any areas of potential concern for patrol.

The following areas were noted for communication to the Environmental Enforcement Officers:

- Manor Road up to Mangotsfield School
- Blackhorse Lane on the way down to the primary school
- Pollution in the water course in Lyde Green – contact Lyde Green Open Spaces
- Vinney Green pond
- The ring road by the new Costa
- Around the back of the Blackhorse garage

Action: Clerk

Councillors also raised the issue of litter on the boundary of Mangotsfield School between the old and new fencing. It was requested that this be added to a future Open Spaces agenda with a view to writing to Mangotsfield School concerning remedial options.

Action: Clerk

2021.182. Items from members to report

- Councillor Jones enquired as to whether the Town Council might wish to encourage the formation of a Chamber of Commerce within the area. It was suggested that Councillor Jones may wish to prepare a briefing and proposal for a future agenda.
- Councillor Sunderland noted that the 2022 Three Greens Festival would take place on 18th June
- Councillor R Hunt confirmed that South Gloucestershire Council would be painting double yellow lines on Thistle Close
- Councillor R Hunt updated on the Lyde Green Primary School expansion, noting that applications had been submitted for temporary buildings as the completion of the new primary school had been delayed, potentially until 2024.

2021.183. Next Meeting

7.00pm on Thursday 10 March 2022 to be held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council