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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 6 December 2021 on the rising of the Town Council meeting

Present

Chair: Councillor K Haslett

Councillors: A Connolly, I Emmett, J Johns, M Rowe, M Smith and C Snow

In attendance

Note: Councillors attending by remote access are not able to participate nor vote in the meeting

Officers: J Norris (Town Clerk)

1 member of the public and 1 member of the press were present.

421. Mayor's Announcements

There were no announcements.

422. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrews, Buczkowski, Dale, Dietrich, Guest and Knight.

423. Declarations of Interests

He following declaration of interest was made:

- Councillor Snow declared a personal interest in Agenda No 7 Complaint as he knows the complainant.

424. Public Participation

This agenda item allows members of the public present at the meeting to raise matters which are relevant to Cullompton.

Speaker 1

The Speaker said that we all make mistakes and the important thing is to learn from them. He continued that he is still waiting for a response to emails that he has sent.

The Speaker then said that item 7 is regarding matter he has raised and that it is not a complaint it is a request for an apology which could have been dealt with by means of a meeting. He

Speaker said he does not believe that Town Council policy regarding complaints has been followed in this matter.

425. Review Of Meeting Arrangements

Consideration was given to arrangements for Town Council and Committee meetings, including COVID-19 mitigations for meetings in the Town Hall and alternative meeting venues for Council and Committee meetings. (Supporting Paper A to the Agenda.)

RESOLVED

- (i) that Town Council and Committee meetings should be held in the Town Hall and that the mitigations including the perspex screens between Councillor seats, ventilating the room (through opening windows) and the requesting of attendees to wear face masks should continue
- (ii) that auxiliary heating should be available in case the temperature in the Town Hall drops to a low level during a meeting.

426. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that in accordance with the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act to exclude the public and press during consideration of:

- Agenda Item 7, Complaint on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature (items subject to legal advice).

The report relating to this item had been withheld from public circulation and deposit.

427. Complaint

Consideration was given to a complaint regarding the holding and handling of electronic information and to make any associated decisions. (Supporting Paper B to the Agenda – confidential for Councillors only)

The Mayor read out the advice/ information received from the Town Council's solitors.

RESOLVED that the Town Council's solicitors are instructed to contact the complainant's solicitors who are asked to provide evidence of the allegations.

Note Councillor Snow had declared a personal interest in this agenda item.

The meeting closed at 20:45hours