

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** of the Council held online via Zoom, on **WEDNESDAY, 28th October 2020** at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: **Councillor:** J Makepeace (Chair)

Councillors: G Barker, C Atkinson, P Atkinson, J Cansella, D Farry, K Graham,
N Jones, J Lindsay, Z Roddam, L Smith, R Smith, M Walton, C Woods

Officials: D. Anderson, Town Clerk
K. Younghusband, Events & Projects Officer
S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

17.20-21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor K Conroy, K Campbell, M Seymour.

18.20-21 **MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

There were no members' dispensations in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

19.20-21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests declared.

20.20-21 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

Members were requested to move the following motion:

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the public and press for the remaining items on the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to public interest."

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded.

21.20-21 **DEAN BANK BUNGALOW REGENERATION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk detailing comments received from the Council's External Auditors, together with advice obtained by Durham County Council procurement officers, in relation to a decision made by the Council on 19th February 2020 in the award of a tender. The report also set out a number of options and implications for the Council to consider in order to deliver or discontinue the project.

Consideration was also given to a number of recommendations issued by the Town Clerk prior to the meeting to give further clarity on further action to be taken should the Council wish to abandon the current tendering exercise and proceed with the project. (For copies see file of Minutes).

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella, in relation to recommendation 1, 'That the current tendering exercise be aborted'. A named vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Barker			K. Conroy
C. Atkinson			K. Campbell
P. Atkinson			M. Seymour
J. Cansella			
D. Farry			
K. Graham			
N. Jones			
J. Lindsay			
J. Makepeace			
Z. Roddam			
L. Smith			
R. Smith			
M. Walton			
C. Woods			
14	0	0	3

Members agreed unanimously.

Moved by Councillor D Farry, **Seconded by** Councillor J Cansella, in relation to recommendation 2, 'That the Council continue with the project'. A named vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Barker			K. Conroy
C. Atkinson			K. Campbell
P. Atkinson			M. Seymour
J. Cansella			
D. Farry			
K. Graham			
N. Jones			
J. Lindsay			
J. Makepeace			
Z. Roddam			
L. Smith			
R. Smith			
M. Walton			
C. Woods			
14	0	0	3

Members agreed unanimously.

Moved by Councillor J Cansella, **Seconded by** Councillor D Farry, that recommendations 3 – 10 be taken 'en bloc'. It was however pointed out that some Members may not have received the amended recommendations. The Town Clerk suggested that consideration of recommendations therefore be taken individually to ensure Members were clear about the recommendations. Councillor Cansella withdrew the motion.

A vote therefore took place on each recommendation and members agreed each one unanimously. Councillor J Cansella requested that Recommendation 6

include reference to landscaping around the bungalow being low maintenance. Members agreed.

RESOLVED

That:

1. The Council abort the current tendering exercise.
2. The Council continue with the project
3. Logic Architecture, and project team previously established, be invited to continue to deliver all aspects of the project apart from the tendering process.
4. Durham County Council be invited to manage all aspects of the tender process, including tender analysis and recommendation of appointment of an appropriate contractor to Council.
5. The Town Clerk liaise with Logic Architecture and Durham County Council in relation to the tendering process.
6. Logic Architecture (and project team) be requested to undertake value engineering to deliver the project within budget (excluding fees) but also advise on the possible inclusion of solar panels and battery storage. Landscaping around the bungalow should be low maintenance.
7. Logic Architecture be requested to advise of their additional fees in respect of additional work required.
8. DCC be requested to advise of their fees for managing the tendering process.
9. A report be submitted to Council outlining
 - a. the design and an overview of the specification of the proposed building
 - b. the tender process, including tender analysis criteria
 - c. the timescale for the tender process and delivery of the project
10. Options for the future use of the pavilion at Dean Bank Recreation Park be considered by Council at an appropriate time.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

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