

Bingley Town Council, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2020

Start: 6:30PM Finish: 8:45PM Councillors present: Barton, Brazendale, Clough, Drucquer, Goode, Heseltine, Malik, Miah, Owen, Pennington, Simpson, Truelove Williams and Winnard.

In attendance: Ruth Batterley, Town Clerk.

Members of the public: Three members of the public, part of meeting. Four candidates for co-option.

2021/164 Chair's remarks

- The Chair thanked all the candidates for putting themselves forward for co-option to Bingley Town Council
- She noted the very high calibre of candidates and advised that there are always opportunities for non councillors to help with the work of the council and encouraged those who are unsuccessful to get involved with the work of the town council.

2021/165 Apologies for absence

- b) To note apologies for absence
- c) To receive and consider apologies for absence
- d) To approve reasons for absence

Resolved to approve the reasons for absence for Councillor Dawson.

2021/166 Disclosures of interest

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

There were none.

2021/167 Minutes of previous meeting

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020

Item 2021/148 a) should read Councillor Truelove not Councillor Dawson. Subject to this amendment **resolved** to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27th October.

2021/168 Public Participation

Members of the public are reminded that this is their opportunity to speak to the meeting on any topic relevant to the work of the council. However, they may not speak during the rest of the meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the Chair.

No member of the public wished to speak.

2021/169 To receive presentations from, and ask questions of, candidates standing for co-option to Bingley Town Council

- a) David Hanson
- b) Lewis Kirdale
- c) Antony Leach
- d) Jo Reynard
- e) Mick Taylor

Antony Leach had withdrawn his application. Each candidate gave a presentation and answered questions from councillors. The candidates not being interviewed left the room and rejoined at their turn.

2021/170 Exclusion of press and public

To resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from item 1920/171 under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1 (2)), during consideration of items of a confidential nature.

Resolved to exclude the press and public for reasons of confidential information about each candidate.

Councillor Malik joined the meeting at 18:49. Councillor Heseltine joined the meeting at 7:00pm and left at 7:05pm. Councillor Heseltine rejoined at 19:10 and left at 19:13. Councillor Malik left the meeting at 19:40 and rejoined at 19:45. Councillor Heseltine rejoined the meeting at 19:55 and Councillor Pennington left at this time. Councillor Pennington rejoined at 19:58.

2021/171 Consideration of candidates for co-option

To consider the candidates for co-option

Councillors discussed the merits of each candidate.

2021/172 To consider the co-option of a candidate as councillor to Bingley Town Council.

Resolved to co-opt Michael Taylor to the Bingley Central and Myrtle Park ward. He signed his declaration of acceptance of office, which the clerk had pre-signed and held it up to his computer screen for all to see.

2021/173 To consider any promotional items that the Town Council wishes to publicise from this meeting

Resolved to promote the co-option of Michael Taylor to Bingley Town Council.

2021/174 Date of the next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting as being Tuesday 24th November at 6:30pm