

Stone Town Council – Estates Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in Stone Station Community Centre on Tuesday 14 March, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor M Green in the Chair and
Councillors Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, Mrs E Mowatt and A Osgathorpe
By Chairman's invitation: Councillors Mrs K Green, P Leason and G Neagus

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs J Farnham, I Fordham and Mrs M Goodall

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until after the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee, to prevent the press and public from having to leave the room to come back in later

EST17/034 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, I Fordham and Mrs M Goodall

EST17/035 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

EST17/036 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received.

EST17/037 **Disabled Access to the Council Chamber**

The Clerk reported on a meeting he had held with a fire safety consultant, which initially seemed to offer a potential way to provide disabled access to the Council Chamber, but which may be prevented by the Grade II listed building status of the premises at 15 Station Road. The fire safety consultant's report should be received in about two weeks.

Other options for disabled access were also considered.

In terms of venue, officers were thanked for arranging a venue for the meeting at short notice, but identified a number of shortcomings in the Stone Station Community Centre with respect to its suitability for holding future Council meetings. Similar reservations were expressed relating to the Frank Jordan Centre.

RECOMMENDED: The Clerk was asked to continue exploring options for making the Council Chamber suitable for disabled access, and to source alternative accommodation for future meetings due to the unsuitability of the Stone Station Community Centre and Frank Jordan Centre for this purpose.

EST17/038 **To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next item of business is discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate**

This was RESOLVED.

EST17/039 **Frank Jordan Centre Refurbishments**

The Clerk updated Members regarding the refurbishments to the Frank Jordan Centre.

RECOMMENDED: to accept the quote originally received and start work as soon as possible.

Town Mayor