

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 3 August 2021

PRESENT: Councillor J. Powell in the Chair and
Councillors: K. Argyle, A. Best, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies, Mrs J. Hood, T. Kelt,
R. Kenney, C. Thornicroft and S. Walley.

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham, M. Green, M. Hatton,
J. Hickling, P. Leason and R. Townsend.

Before the meeting began Councillor Mrs Lin Davies led prayers.

C22/025 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs K. Dawson,
I. Fordham, M. Green, J. Hickling, P. Leason and R. Townsend.

C22/026 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

C22/027 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C22/028 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 8 July 2021 (Minute Numbers C22/011 – C22/024), be approved as a correct record.

C22/029 Draft Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2021 (Minute Numbers GP22/019 – GP22/037), were noted.

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C22/030 **Presentation of the Mayor's Charity Collection for 2019-21 to Crown Wharf Theatre**

The Mayoress for the term 2019 to 2021, Mrs Kristan Green, awarded Mr Craig Chesters and Mr Mark Doran of Crown Wharf Theatre Group, the sum of £1,006.25, on behalf of the Town Mayor for 2019 to 2021, Councillor Mark Green.

Councillor Green had been keen for his Mayor's Charity to receive the sum collected at the earliest opportunity but had been unable to make the award himself due to ill health.

Mr Doran and Mr Chesters expressed their gratitude to Councillor and Mrs Green on behalf of the Crown Wharf Theatre Project and its trustees, for the sum of money received.

Mr Doran informed the Town Council that back in 2019 getting chosen as the Mayor's Charity had almost been the first positive fundraising result for the project at a time when everyone had been daunted about the task ahead. Councillor and Mrs Green's support of the charity had been important to them and significant in generating the energy and community support for the theatre. They offered Councillor Green their very good wishes and a speedy return to good health.

C22/031 **Six Month Attendance Rule**

The Town Council considered a written communication from Councillor M. Green (enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) in respect of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the legislation requires that all Councillors attend at least one meeting in every six month period or they automatically cease to become a councillor. Councillor Green had been unable to attend meetings following surgery and a long period of hospitalisation.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Green's reasons for not attending meetings of the Town Council are accepted and that the requirements of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 are waived.

C22/032 **Local Government Transparency Code 2015**
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014

The report of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015* and Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014 were noted for the quarter ending 30 June 2021.

C22/033 **Civic Announcements**

The Civic Announcements, which had been previously circulated, were noted.

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The Civic Announcements included the Town Mayor's Civic Sunday on 5 September 2021.

C22/034 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's reports of engagements, which had been previously circulated, were noted.

The Town Mayor reported on his attendance at the Kibblestone Scouting AGM via Zoom. He said it had been interesting to observe the strength of the scouting organisations and their focus on achieving positive outcomes for their members.

TOWN MAYOR

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