

# Stone Town Council – Estates Sub-Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 27 September 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor A. Best in the Chair and  
Councillors: J. Davies, C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg and R. Mincher

By Chairman's invitation:

**ABSENT:** Councillors: Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham, Mrs J. Hood, R Kenney and  
J. Powell

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**EST23/010**    **Apologies**

Councillors: Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K Dawson, I. Fordham, Mrs J. Hood and J. Powell

**EST23/011**    **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**EST23/012**    **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**EST23/013**    **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

That the minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee meeting held on the 12 July 2022 (Minute Numbers EST23/001 – EST23/009), be approved as a correct record.

**EST23/014**    **Town Clock**

To consider the future of the Town Clock.

NOTE: This item has been referred to the Estates Sub-Committee by the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee (Reference: Minute Number TTP23/014 (Meeting on 16 August 2022))

The Town Clerk presented three options regarding the upkeep of the Town Clock: leave as it is, set the time to one position and the clock becomes ornamental, or call out a specialist supplier to establish the work and related

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costs of repair.

RECOMMENDED: The Town Clerk is to contact a supplier to examine the clock and report back to the sub-committee the works required and the potential cost to return the clock to fully working order.

**EST23/015 Maintenance of Cenotaph Garden**

The Town Clerk reported that he had discussed the ongoing upkeep of the cenotaph garden with the Chairman of Stone in Bloom.

Following those discussions, the Grounds Maintenance Contactor has offered to absorb the upkeep of the garden within the Town borders workload at no additional cost.

RECOMMENDED: To accept the offer of the Grounds Maintenance Contractor for the ongoing maintenance of the garden.

**EST23/016 Stone Station**

To consider a request from Futures2gether for access to the station building to support a pop-up café.\*

The Town Clerk advised that the pop-up shop is not permissible under the terms of our lease.

RECOMMENDED: the Town Clerk is to approach the lessor to discuss the amendment of current lease terms to enable the expansion of community and commercial use of the Station.

**EST23/017 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

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

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

**EST23/018 Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee meeting held on the 12 July 2022 (Minute Numbers EST23/001, EST23/008 and EST23/009), be approved as a correct record.

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**EST23/019     Update on Stone Station**

The Town Clerk update the Sub-Committee on the current position on Stone Station Community Centre

**Chairman**

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