

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on

Wednesday, 14th August 2024

In the Ray Shill Room, Northway Community Hub, Northway, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Cllr M Barnes (Chairman) Cllr J Roberts (Vice Chairman)
Cllr J Beadle Cllr G Fancourt
Cllr R Godwin Cllr P Mackenzie
Cllr E MacTiernan Cllr K Poole (until Min Ref: C/186/24)
Cllr Shelton Cllr S Terry

In Attendance: Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council
Mrs L Stewart, Clerk's Assistant

C/182/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr P Godwin.

C/183/24 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made, as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 12th April 2023 (Minute Ref C/85/23).

C/184/24 Northway Skate Park

It was reported that Thomson and Bancks (the Parish Council's solicitors) were still awaiting searches required for the Deed of Dedication which meant that the project would not be able to start on 19th August, therefore, Maverick had delayed the start date to 2nd September 2024. It was noted that Thomson and Bancks believed that the National Lottery may require security over the whole of the Playing Field (including the Village Hall and Changing Rooms), but this was to be confirmed. The asset liability period would be five years from the date of practical completion.

Cllr Mackenzie asked what security measures would be taken if contractors were using the main entrance and required the height restrictor to be unlocked. The Clerk confirmed that Maverick would have their own set of keys and they would be asked to keep the barrier locked when not in use.

Maverick had sent their contract for approval and signature, this could be 'Executed as a Deed' or alternatively an 'Attestation'. If it was signed as a Deed a Company seal would be required, which the Council did not have so Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED the Attestation was signed. Cllr Shelton SECONDED.

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Cllr Barnes signed the documents, and the Clerk acted as a witness.

C/185/24 Northway Village Hall Gas Boiler

The Clerk reported that the gas boiler at the Village Hall required a new PCB. The plumber had suggested that it might be worth the Council considering replacing the boiler the Valliant brand was Italian and it had become difficult to source parts, they needed to be shipped from Italy and this made them very expensive.

Cllr Poole PROPOSED that the Council delayed repair of the boiler until quotes for a replacement had been obtained.

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C/185/24 Northway Village Hall Gas Boiler (continued)

The Clerk explained that the matter was somewhat urgent due to the fact that there was currently no hot water at the Village Hall and she had already received complaints regarding this.

Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED an amendment to Cllr Poole's proposal in that the Council authorised repair of the boiler whilst also obtaining quotations for it to be replaced. Cllr Poole accepted the amended and SECONDED.

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It was suggested that quotations for gas, electric and dual fuel boilers should be obtained, for comparison, and that the brands should ideally be British with parts that were easily accessible.

It was further AGREED that the Clerk should make enquiries regarding whether there were any funds still available from the Borough Council Energy Efficiency grant.

C/186/24 Lease for Northway Village Hall

- a. **Lease/Licence Working Party Notes** – Members received the Notes from the Lease/Licence Working Party Meeting that took place on 31st July 2024.
- b. **Exclusion of the Public and Press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 s. 1 ss. 2 Viz: -**

Cllr Barnes PROPOSED that, in view of the special / confidential nature of the business to be discussed (i.e relating to legal matters), it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press were temporarily excluded and were instructed to withdraw.

7.27pm – Cllr Poole left the meeting.

Under confidential cover, it was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the Council should not renew its lease with Northway Youth Club Trustees but should take on management of the building and operate a hiring system.

C/187/24 Correspondence received after 8th August 2024

None received.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded at 8.15pm.