



GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Hall, School Road, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QR

FULL COUNCIL – EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING - MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council Extra Ordinary meeting held on **Wednesday 28th September 2022** at The Town Hall, Gillingham, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllr Sharon Cullingford, Mayor
Cllr Barry von Clemens, Deputy Mayor
Cllr Fiona Cullen
Cllr Rupert Evill
Cllr Alan Frith

Cllr Paul Harris
Cllr Mick Hill
Cllr Val Potheary
Cllr Mark Walden

In attendance:

Town Clerk, Julie Hawkins
Projects and HR Admin Officer, Serena Burgess

Three Councillor candidates
Two members of the public joined via MS Teams

871. Public Participation. Please note: a period up to a maximum of fifteen minutes will be allowed for public comments and questions restricted to items listed on the following agenda.

There was no public participation.

872. To receive apologies for absence.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies for absence from Cllr Ashfield, Cllr Kilcourse, Cllr Poulter, Cllr Toye, Cllr A von Clemens and Cllr Weeks who were unable to join the meeting for personal reasons.

873. Declarations of Interest: Members are required to comply with the requirements of Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 disclosable pecuniary interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

874. To receive and consider the following Motion from Cllr B von Clemens, Cllr Toye and Cllr Weeks:

‘That the Town Council’s Co-option Policy and Standing Orders are suspended to allow a secret ballot to take place for the co-option of two councillors for the Town Ward of Gillingham’.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to suspend the Town Council’s Co-option Policy and Standing Orders.

875. To receive and consider written applications for the office of Town Councillor and to co-opt two candidates to fill the two vacancies for the Town Ward of Gillingham.

The Town Clerk confirmed that all candidates had met the eligibility criteria.

Candidates were given five minutes to introduce themselves to members, give information on their background and experience, and explain why they wished to become a member of Gillingham Town Council. Following the presentation, members asked candidates questions before proceeding to vote.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the two candidates with the most votes were Graham Bashford and Sarah Snook.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** that Graham Bashford and Sarah Snook should be co-opted as members for the Town Ward of Gillingham.

The Mayor thanked all candidates and congratulated those appointed.

876. To invite the successful Town Ward candidates to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Graham Bashford and Sarah Snook signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

877. To agree committee membership for the newly appointed councillors for the period September 2022 to May 2023.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bashford would join the General Purposes Committee and the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Snook would join the General Purposes Committee and the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm