

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Banbury Town Council held on Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Hussain (Town Mayor)
Councillors: Ahmed, Ayers, Beere, Biegel, Bishop, Bunce, Cherry, Colegrave, Dalton, Garrett, Hodgson, Ilott, Kilsby, Mallon, Mears, Phillips, Powell, Richards and Strangwood.

Officers: Mark Hassall (Deputy Town Clerk/RFO)
Nigel Bambridge (Events Manager)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Reeves.

C.13/21 Declarations of Interest

None.

C.14/21 Minutes of the Last Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C.15/21 Communications

None.

C.16/21 Questions - Elected Members and Members of the Public

None.

C.17/21 Approval of Accounts and Annual Return 2020/21

The Council considered a copy of the Internal Audit Report, Annual Return and the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 (unaudited), along with a draft Notice of Electors rights. The RFO drew Members' attention to a comment on the Annual Internal Audit Report in respect of advertising of public rights which arose from a finding of the External Auditor in respect of the 2020/21 Accounts and which had been rectified. He then answered Members' questions, following which it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the Annual Internal Audit Report be received and noted;
- (2) the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 on the Annual Return) where questions 1 to 3 and 5 to 9 were answered yes, and question 4 was answered no, be approved, and signed on behalf of the Council by the Leader of the Council and the Town Clerk;
- (3) the Accounting Statements (Section 2 on the Annual Return), for the year ended 31 March 2021 be approved and be signed on behalf of the Council by the Leader of the Council and the RFO;
- (4) the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (unaudited), be approved and signed on behalf of the Council by the Leader of the Council and the RFO; and
- (5) the Notice of Electors Rights be approved.

C.18/21 Financial Risk Assessment 2021/2022

The Council considered a report from the Deputy Town Clerk and RFO submitting the 2021/22 Financial Risk Assessment. It was proposed by Councillor Mallon and seconded by Councillor Strangwood and

RESOLVED that the Financial Risk Assessment for 2021/22 be approved.

C.19/21 Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Ilott, seconded by Councillor Bunce and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 18 May and 26 May 2021 be received.

C.20/21 General Services Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Colegrave, seconded by Councillor Powell and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the General Services Committee meetings held on 18 May and 8 June 2021 be received.

C.21/21 Resources Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Strangwood, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Resources Committee meetings held on 18 May and 15 June 2021 be received.

C.22/21 Resolutions Moved on Notice - Resolution No 54 (Banbury 300)

It was proposed by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Mallon that:

“Banbury Town Council calls on our MP Victoria Prentis to support the ‘Banbury 300’ and urges her to back the Private Member’s Bill making ‘Fire and Rehire’ unlawful.”

There then ensued a lengthy discussion on the motion, with all speakers in favour of the proposals. It was noted that multiple generations of Banbury constituents had been employed at this location, and the employment site was one of importance to the town. Councillors urged employers and employees to enter into discussions to resolve differences and manage changes in employment situations.

It was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that the motion be adopted.

The Meeting ended at 7.02pm.