



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chair: Councillor B Arscott | **Vice Chair:** Councillor C Mulroney



Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting.

The Council met at 6.00pm on Tuesday 28th January 2025 in Room 8, Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-On-Sea, Essex, SS9 1SP.

Chairing the meeting: Cllr B Arscott.

Present: Cllrs Dr D Bowry, K Evans, J Garston, P Gilson, J Lloyd, C Mulroney, O Richards, J Suttling, P Wexham and C Willoughby.

In attendance: The Town Clerk, Clare Milligan.

FC032/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and agreed for Cllrs P Barber, A Hart and C Watt.

Proposed by Cllr B Arscott, seconded by Cllr P Gilson; with 9 for and 1 abstention the motion was passed.

FC033/25 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Registrable Non-Pecuniary Interests.

FC034/25 Public Participation

There was no public.

FC035/25 Private and Confidential

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press were excluded from the following item of business due to the confidential nature. Proposed by Cllr B Arscott, seconded by Cllr C Mulroney and agreed unanimously.

FC036/25 Staffing Matters

The Clerk had circulated confidential emails from the solicitor dated 17th January 2025, 24th January 2025 and 28th January 2025. An in-depth discussion took place regarding the confidential legal matter. All Councillors were able to express their opinions and what they felt was in the best interest of the Council. A proposal from Cllr P Wexham, seconded by Cllr K Evans to continue with the legal process, was put forward. With 3 for, 6 against and 2 abstentions the motion was not passed. A proposal to stick with the maximum financial amount relating to the meeting of the 16th January 2025 was put forward. Proposed by Cllr J Garston, seconded by Cllr P Gilson; with 4 for, 5 against and 2 abstentions the motion was not passed. A proposal for a new financial amount was put forward, proposed by Cllr C Mulroney and seconded by Cllr Dr D Bowry. An amendment was put forward to have a financial range with Cllr C Mulroney's proposed financial amount being the maximum. Proposed by Cllr C Willoughby, seconded by Cllr J Lloyd; with 7 for and 4 against the amendment motion was passed. The original proposal by Cllr C Mulroney was then voted on with the amendment. With 9 for and 2 against the motion was passed. Please see the confidential email to the solicitor on 28th January

2025 from the Clerk.

A proposal to use Joel McMillan as a barrister was proposed by Cllr C Willoughby, seconded by Cllr B Arscott and agreed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54pm

Chair:.....

Date:.....