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Chairman: Cllr Jill Healey
Vice Chairman: Cllr Vivien Rosier
Town Clerk: Helen Symmons *PSLCC*

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2020 ONLINE

Present: Cllrs: Mark Bromfield, Doug Cracknell, Keith Evans, Anita Forde, Paul Gilson, Alan Hart, Jill Healey (Chairman), Damian O'Boyle, Vivien Rosier, Emma Smith, Mike Wells and Andy Wilkins

Also in attendance: Helen Symmons (Town Clerk), Abbie Cotterell (Assistant Town Clerk) and 8 Co-option Candidates: Joe Cresswell, Dr. David Bowry, Jackie Jackson-Smith, Declan Lynn, Michael Peat, James Preston, Philip Stanbridge, Dr. Marimuthu Velmurugan

MINUTES

The meeting opened at 7.00 pm

144. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and explained the online meeting protocol.

It was with deep sadness that Leigh-on-Sea Town Council learned of the passing of Cllr Caroline Parker on 19th June. A minute silence was held to remember her and her efforts as a Town Councillor for Leigh-on-Sea.

145. VIRTUAL MEETINGS POLICY **Agenda item 2**

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Virtual Meetings Policy

146. APPENDIX TO STANDING ORDERS **Agenda item 3**

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt Standing Orders Appendix 2

147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Cowell and Mulroney

148. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Hart declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 having stood against a candidate in the Borough Council elections. Cllr Hart declared that he would prefer not to take part in the co-option item.

Cllrs Evans declared a non pecuniary interest during the co-option agenda item having received advice during the meeting and chose not to take part in the item.

149. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING 17th MARCH 2020

The minutes of the meeting 17th March 2020 were agreed to have been an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman at the next available meeting where this would be possible.

150. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

There were none

151. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report was **NOTED**.

DECISION ITEMS

152. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – **Agenda item 9**

Following a proposal (Cllr Cracknell, seconded Cllr Bromfield), Council **RESOLVED** to hold the Annual Council meeting at the next available opportunity.

153. TO NOTE INTERNAL ACCOUNT TRANSFERS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE

Council **NOTED** the account transfers and **RESOLVED** the expenditure.

154. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR HERSCHELL WARD

The Chairman advised that 14 candidates had come forward for the vacancy. 5 candidates had withdrawn prior to the meeting and a further 1 didn't log into the meeting.

The candidates present each gave a two minute presentation followed by questions from Councillors.

Following a proposal (Cllr Bromfield, seconded Cllr Gilson), Council **RESOLVED** the candidates en bloc for Herschell Ward.

David Bowry received the most votes in the final round. Arrangements will be made for the candidate to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office on the doorstep of his home witnessed by the Town Clerk adhering to social distance. Once this had been signed David Bowry will then lawfully be able to take part in meetings.

FOR NOTING

155. DELEGATED AND COUNCIL DECISIONS MADE DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Council **NOTED** the decisions made during COVID-19 lockdown.

156. REPORTING ITEMS DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Council **NOTED** the report.

157. INTERNAL AUDIT FINAL REPORT 2019/20

The Council **NOTED** the report from Auditing Solutions Ltd.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm