

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Council meeting held on Monday 24 October 2022 at 6.00 pm in
The Meeting Room, Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	M Greener (Chair)	P Jackson
	J Bowden	H Lindsay
	G Brown	T Stewart
	R Bruce	A Williams
	R Driver	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk

Stephen Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

Joyce Benton, Sergeant-at-Mace

Cty Cllr G Hill

Cty Cllr I Hunter

4 members of the public

1 member of the press

C075/22 1. OPEN SESSION

There were no contributions by members of the public present.

C076/22 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Forbes, J Robertson, G Smith and L Stephenson.

C077/22 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- i. There were no disclosures of interest.
- ii. There were no requests for dispensation.

C078/22

4. AUTHORIZATION OF RECURRING PAYMENTS AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

- i. On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr A Williams, Council **RESOLVED** to authorise that the Mayor sign a lease agreement for a new local services unit.
- ii. On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr A Williams, Council **RESOLVED** to authorise that the Mayor sign a hire agreement for a new local services van.
- iii. On the motion of Cllr H Lindsay, seconded by Cllr P Jackson, Council **RESOLVED** to authorise the current list of direct debits.

C079/22

5. WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The Town Clerk introduced the background paper and made reference to Item 4 of the selection criteria 'to be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history;'. The discussion included the time that would be required by the Town Clerk for the initial step of the process.

After which, on the motion of Cllr P Jackson, seconded by Cllr G Brown, Council **RESOLVED** to not proceed at this time.

During the discussion of this item Cllr R Driver raised the idea of city status for Berwick-upon-Tweed for further future discussion.

C080/22

6. CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AMBITIONS FOR CASTLEGATE CAR PARK EXTENSION

A discussion took place around the question of Northumberland County Council's (NCC's) plans for parking, the use of a Park and Ride Scheme and the possibility of the Castlegate overflow car park becoming permanent.

After which, Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to write to NCC regarding parking and to defer this item to November's meeting of Council.

C081/22

7. FUTURE OF POSTAL AND DENTAL SERVICES IN BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

The discussion regarding dental services made reference to a location of a new dentist to be opened in the future. After which, Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Town Council does not have any involvement with this service.

The discussion regarding postal services included potential locations for a Post Office.

After which, Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Town Council does not seek a partnership solution and that any complaints are directed to the Post Office. Further discussion directed Officers to investigate the possibility of a bus shelter on the north bound side of Tweedmouth Main Street opposite ASDA and to look at options for PINGO.

C082/22

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 28 November 2022 at 6 pm.