

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 10 March 2015 at 6 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	I Hunter (Town Mayor)	J Lang
	H Bettison	G McLean
	A Gibson	J Robertson
	G Hill	C Seymour
	G Jones	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Batey, Acting Clerk

CO99/14 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted on behalf of: Councillors T Forrester (work commitment), G Roughead (unwell), F Simpson (holiday) and G Smith (holiday).

Absent: Councillors J Beresford, I Dixon and A Turnbull.

CO100/14 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No disclosures were made.

CO101/14 3. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

No request was made.

CO102/14 PUBLIC SESSION

Councillors **RESOLVED** to allow a public question session, given that a number of members of the public were present.

Mr Darling made the following comments. He was concerned a) that not all the previous documents such as the Norman Dunn report, would be considered at the meeting and b) about any payment to the former Town Clerk. He also wished to complain about how Councillor Jones had responded on the Kwiksave planning application.

Mrs ??? questioned why the Mayor and Councillor Jones had left the recent

County Council Budget meeting early.

Following a discussion and advice about confidential items it was RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public during discussion of the recommendations from the Independent Panel (CO103/14), as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual who was a former employee which was of a personal and confidential nature.

CO103/14 4. GRIEVANCE INVESTIGATION – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INDEPENDENT PANEL

This minute is private and confidential

RESOLVED: To re-open the meeting to the press and the public for the remainder of the meeting.

CO104/14 5. PAYMENTS TO NEREO (NORTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION)

The Mayor outlined that an invoice had been received for £14,181.31 from NEREO in connection with the investigation of a staffing matter and a breakdown of time spent had been circulated to councillors.

RESOLVED: To authorise the payment to NEREO.

Councillor G Hill voted against and Councillor C Seymour abstained, everyone else present voted for.

CO105/14 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 23 March 2015 at 6 pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.