

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 October 2014 at 6 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	I Hunter (Town Mayor)	G McLean
	I Dixon	J Robertson
	T Forrester	G Roughead
	A Gibson	C Seymour
	G Hill	F Simpson
	G Jones	A Turnbull
	J Lang	

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

J Benton, Sergeant-at-Mace

21 members of the public

CO67/14 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted on behalf of: Councillor H Bettison (alternative engagement).

CO68/14 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor G Hill declared a personal interest in Item 5 (Resolution).

CO69/14 3. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

CO70/14 4. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Members of the public including Councillor G Hill (speaking in her personal capacity) expressed their concerns regarding the Council, its officers, the Staffing Sub-Committee and that consideration would be given to exclude the press and public during discussion of Item 5.

RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public during discussion of Item 5, which included items of a personal and confidential nature. The Town Clerk left the room during the discussion of this item.

[NOTE: Members of the public present refused to leave the Council Chamber and the meeting was subsequently suspended. The meeting moved to the Mayor's Parlour (excluding the press and public) and the police were called to attend to those members of the public who refused to leave the Council Chamber.]

[NOTE: Councillor I Dixon left the meeting prior to discussion of this item and took no further part in the meeting.]

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5. RESOLUTION

[NOTE: Councillor G Hill left the meeting during discussion of this item and took no further part in the meeting.]

RESOLVED: To agree the following resolution:

Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council disassociates itself from Councillor Hill's postings on Social Media.

Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council also disassociates itself from Councillor Hill's release of confidential papers into the public domain.

The views, conduct and actions of Councillor Hill, particularly relating to matters associated with employment, data protection, and confidentiality, are entirely in her personal capacity. They are not endorsed by Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council and do not represent its views.

Note: The proposal was voted upon and the results were 8 for (Councillors: A Gibson, I Hunter, G Jones, J Lang, G McLean, J Robertson, F Simpson and A Turnbull) and 3 against (Councillors: T Forrester, C Seymour and G Roughead).

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

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6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 24 November 2014 at 6 pm in the Town Hall.