

PRESENT:

North Ward:

Councillor D Bushby

East Ward:

Councillor Mrs J Gubb (Town Mayor)

Councillor Mrs L Hellyer

Councillor J McKenzie (Chairman)

South Ward:

Councillor S Inch

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr R Coombes (Deputy Town Clerk)

Councillor P Christie (North Ward)

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

120. ACCOUNTS

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hellyer seconded, and

RESOLVED: That the lists of payments for 2 May 2023 be approved.

(Vote – For: 5, Against: 0)

121. MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hellyer, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 April 2023.

(Vote – For: 5, Against: 0)

122. PART II CLOSED SESSION

Proposed by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hellyer and

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed, the meeting will be held in Part II (Closed Session).

(Vote – For: 5, Against: 0)

123. RESOURCE CONSULTATION

Members considered the immediate impact of the removal of the Studio Units and reduction of the traditional Saturday trading in relation to resource cost and the future running of the Hall offer.

Concerns were raised over the provision of a minimum standard in cleaning / hygiene and general security. Further, the flexibility required in enabling the Hall to be utilised outside standard working times.

Forthright discussion included delivering of the Hall in the light of recent Event successes against the poor take up of (Tuesday) traders.

Further concerns were expressed in relation to there being sufficient work for the Market Officer. The present incumbent, with fourteen years' experience in the role is intimate with the building, has built a rapport with stakeholders is flexible and has articulated continued commitment to his work and the Council.

Members considered a broader opportunity within the Maintenance Team in general support of the Town centre.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Gubb, and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hellyer

RESOLVED: That to ensure the Market Officer retains a valuable and fulfilling role within the Council, as the Market offer is repurposed, other opportunities within the Town Centre curtilage are explored, complementing his primary role.

(Vote For: 3, Against: 2)

124. RETURN TO STANDING ORDERS

Proposed by Councillor McKenzie, seconded and

RESOLVED: That the meeting returns to Standing Orders.

(Vote For: 5, Against: 0)

The business of the meeting having been completed, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.22 pm.

PV NO		BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL - Pannier Market Accounts as at 2 May 2023		VAT	NET	TOTAL
		ALLOCATION				
BACS Payments						
1	26/04	TDC	Variation of Licence		23.00	23.00
2	27/04	St John Ambulance	Fire Marshal training x 2	60.00	300.00	360.00
3	4/05	Tamar Trading	Maintenance Items	5.62	28.11	33.73
4	4/05	Nicholsons	Hygiene Items	32.66	163.30	195.96
5	DD	Vodafone	Line Rental	5.3	26.49	31.79
				103.58	540.90	644.48
Bank Balances at 2 May 23				- Current Account	11,413.92	
Bank Balances at 2 May 23				- Deposit Account	37,173.59	