

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Bury St Edmunds Town Council,
held at the Guildhall, Bury St Edmunds,
on Wednesday 30 October 2024 at 6pm**

Present: Cllrs Hind (Town Mayor), Chung, Higgins, Iannelli-Popham, Mager, McGoochan, O'Driscoll, Stennett and Waterman

Also present: Jodie Budd (Town Clerk) and Jacqueline Howells (Responsible Financial Officer/Assistant Town Clerk, Frank Carn-Pryor (Abbeycroft Leisure)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Armitage, Augustine, Lindberg, Mackenzie, Sayer and Stamp. Cllr Halpin was absent but no apologies had been received.

2. To receive declarations of interest and additions to registers

All District Councillors declared: *'That I may vote differently at District or County Council level from that recorded at this meeting'*. Cllrs. Chung, Higgins, Hind, Mager, O'Driscoll, Stennett and Waterman declared a local non-pecuniary interest as District Councillors.

3. To consider written applications by a member for dispensation, from the restrictions in section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011 and specify the period for which any dispensation has effect

None.

4. Public Forum

No members of public attended the meeting

5. To consider Grant Application from Abbeycroft Leisure

Mr Carn-Pryor advised Councillors that Abbeycroft will again be providing Christmas meals for local people who will be alone on Christmas Day as well as families facing hardship. The cost of providing Christmas food boxes in December 2024 is £9290.00

Mr Carn-Pryor added that Abbeycroft are also planning to continue distributing food boxes for families in February, April, June, September and November 2025. The cost of the food boxes during 2025 is estimated at £8350.00. As well as the food boxes a number of other initiatives are planned for 2025 particularly to help families on low incomes.

Councillors commended Abbeycroft on their efforts to support low income families and recommended that Mr Carn-Pryor attend a future Town Council meeting to put forward his proposals for all projects for 2025 in order that a decision can be made on funding available.

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/291/30/Oct/24**

RESOLVED that Abbeycroft Leisure be awarded Grant Funding of £10960.00 in order to provide Christmas food boxes in December 2024 at a cost of £9290.00 and food boxes in February 2025 at a cost of £1670.00

6. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29th November 2024

The meeting ended at 6.25pm

Signed: _____ Dated _____