

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bury St Edmunds Town Council,  
held at the Guildhall, Bury St Edmunds, on Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Thompson (Town Mayor), Augustine, Chung (Deputy Town Mayor), Everitt, Higgins, Hind, Murray, Parker, Raynor, Rout, Sayer, Stamp, Turner, Waterman and Whittingham.

**Also present:** Greg Luton (Town Clerk), Jacqueline Howells (Temporary Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), Julie Sturgeon (Allotment and Administrative Assistant), representatives from 'Gatehouse Caring' in East Anglia and the Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds, plus two members of the public.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bouché and Iannelli-Popham. The Mayor congratulated Cllr. Marilyn Sayer on her recent election success and welcomed her to the Town Council.

**2. To receive declarations of interest and additions to registers**

All District Councillors are advised to declare as follows: 'That I may vote differently at District Council level from that recorded at this meeting'. Cllrs Augustine, Chung, Everitt, Hind, Rout, Stamp, Thompson and Waterman declared a local non-pecuniary interest as District Councillors. Cllr. Chung declared that he is a Trustee of 'Gatehouse Caring' in East Anglia.

**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. To confirm, adopt and sign the minutes of the 23 March 2022 meeting of the Council**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/126/27/Apr/22:**

That the minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2022 are agreed and signed, as an accurate record.

**5. Public Forum**

Representatives from 'Gatehouse Caring' in East Anglia and the Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds each spoke about their respective agenda items.

**6. To note the Clerk's report**

Noted. The Clerk reported on the successful conclusion of year-end by the new Temp RFO and on developments on the allotments. He mentioned the rules around the grants process and the return of PCSO Whiting (a sponsored PCSO to duty).

**7. To note the Responsible Financial Officer's report**

Noted.

**8. To note the PCSO's verbal report**

A representative from Suffolk Police was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.

**9. To consider a grant funding application from 'Gatehouse Caring' in East Anglia to organise and host event to recognise 'local heroes' and celebrate the Festival of Suffolk torch relay.**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/127/27/Apr/22:**

That the grant funding application by 'Gatehouse Caring' in East Anglia for **£3,000** to organise and host event to recognise 'local heroes' and celebrate the Festival of Suffolk torch relay, be **APPROVED**

**10. To consider a grant funding application from the Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds for £10,000 to support the staging of a production of The Secret Garden by four professional actors and local young people.**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/128/27/Apr/22:**

That the grant funding application by the Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds for **£10,000** to support a production of The Secret Garden, be **APPROVED**

**11. To consider a grant funding application from Bury Town Football Club for £4,000, to replace boiler in changing rooms.**

That due to insufficient details being available at the meeting this application be **DEFERRED** until a future meeting.

**12. To consider the Town Council's willingness to work, with other stakeholders, on a programme of events during the Christmas season 2022**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/129/27/Apr/22:**

That the Town Council will work with other stakeholders to develop plans for a programme of events during the Christmas season 2022 including possible financial support for a specific project. Cllr. Hind is also to represent the Town Council at any stakeholder meetings.

**13. To approve the payments list for March 2022**

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/130/27/Apr/22:**

That the payments list for March 2022 be **APPROVED**.

**14. To receive the report and adopt the recommendations of the Planning Licensing and Finance Committee meetings of:**

14.1 23 March 2022

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/131/27/Apr/22:**

That the minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Finance committee meeting of 23 March 2022, be **APPROVED**.

14.2 06 April 2022

Resolution Record No. **BSETC/122/27/Apr/22:**

That the minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Finance committee meeting of 06 April 2022, be **APPROVED**.

**26. Date of next meeting**

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 11 May 2022.**

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_