



Minutes of a meeting of an Extraordinary Full Council meeting held virtually on Zoom on 09 February 2021 at 7pm.

**Councillors present:**

Desna Allen	Richard Bambury
Jenny Budgell	Peter Hutton
Teresa Hutton (Chairman)	Ruth Lloyd
Nina Phillips	Andy Phillips
John Scragg	Sandie Webb

**Officers present:** Mark Smith, Chief Executive  
Matt Kirby, Director of Community Services  
Heather Rae, Democratic Services Manager  
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Office

**Public present:** There were 2 members of the public present.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no written or verbal questions from any member of the public.

**62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors James Adman, Pete Bishop, Holy Bradfield, Michael Merry, Nick Murry, Ashley O'Neill, David Powell, Chris Ruck and Melody Thompson

**63. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**64. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

i) Officers have reviewed our Honorary Freeman policy, and how it is placed within the Local Government Act 1972 following the number of apologies received by Councillors prior to this meeting.

It states in the Local Government Act that Honorary Freeman status can be bestowed in a meeting specially convened for the purpose and requires two thirds majority of those voting.

So, this evening when the nominations are heard, two-thirds of Councillor present will be required to confirm any nomination.

Our policy states that its two-thirds of Council, and our policy will be brought back to the next Civic Matters Sub Committee for review and repositioning to correct this.

**65. ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION**

There were no items for communication.

**66. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Full Council will take place on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 7pm.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of Full Council on Thursday 25 February at 7pm to determine a response to the Local Plan Review consultation and a further extraordinary meeting of Full Council on Thursday 04 March at 7pm to determine a response to the Future Chippenham Programme consultation.

**67. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED that**

“The press and public are excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960 s1. sub section 2”.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

**68. HONORARY FREEMAN NOMINATIONS**

The Democratic and Civic Officer presented the confidential report to Councillors.

**RESOLVED that:**

- i) Nomination A did not receive the two-thirds majority of Councillors in favour.
- ii) Nomination B received the two-thirds majority of Councillors in favour.
- iii) Councillors noted that due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic arrangements to bestow the title Honorary Freeman to nomination B will be made by the Democratic and Civic Officer in liaison with the Chief Executive and the Mayor, reviewing any current COVID19 guidance issued by Government.

The meeting concluded at 7.22pm

These Minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Signed on behalf of the Committee as a true record of the meeting

Chairman:

Date: