

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held on Thursday 4 June 2020 at 7.30pm
via Video Conference (Virtual Meeting)**

Present: Cllrs Jayne Stansfield (Chairman and Mayor)
Christopher Davies (Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor)

Benj Emmerson
Eva Fielding
Bob Griffin
Shirley Holloway
Clive Parkinson
Guy Rawlinson
Pam Shipp
Matthew Stringer
Angela Symonds
Martin Trueman
Maggie Tyrrell

Louise Powell (Town Clerk)
Wendy Sydenham (Deputy Town Clerk/Minute Taker)

(Cllr Ashley Bijster – absent)
(Cllr Helen Harrison – absent)

1. **To receive any apologies for absence**

Cllr Clare Fardell – indisposed.

2. **To receive any members' declarations of interest**

130/20. Cllr Trueman declared an interest in any matters relating to Thornbury Town Football Club (although it was noted that there were no items on the agenda relating to the Club).

3. **To receive any representations from the public**

There were no members of the public participating in the virtual meeting.

4. **To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of Council on 5 May 2020 and 14 May 2020 and any matters arising from them**

131/20. The Minutes of the meeting of Council on 5 May 2020 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Benj Emmerson, seconded by Cllr Guy Rawlinson and unanimously agreed.

132/20. The Minutes of the meeting of Council on 14 May 2020 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Matthew Stringer, seconded by Cllr Guy Rawlinson and unanimously agreed.

5. **To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during considering of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

133/20. Resolved.

6. **To consider and agree actions relating to staffing matters**

134/20. Council noted that the Trust had confirmed that they had no option but to regretfully inform Council that in the short to medium term there was no prospect of employing the currently furloughed staff. The Clerk confirmed who the affected members of staff were. The option to start consultation on redundancy was discussed. The Clerk outlined what that process would involve, including timescales. Cllr Bob Griffin proposed, with extreme regret, that consultation on redundancies be entered into for those members of staff with immediate effect. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Guy Rawlinson and unanimously agreed.

135/20. It was agreed that, with consideration for the staff involved, the situation should currently be kept confidential.

136/20. Councillors offered their support to the Clerk. In particular, as Chair of the Staffing Committee, Cllr Guy Rawlinson offered to assist the Clerk in any way he could with the process.