

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Evans [in the Chair]

Councillors Birch, Bishop, Bullock, D Ennis, L Ennis, Flanagan, Ho, Kirkham, Loughbrough Rudd, Norman, R Place, M Place, Tapper, Westwood, Willis-Croft and Woodward

In attendance

G Hunt, Town Clerk

Ms J Minor, Deputy Clerk

One member of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Banevicius, Brown, Gittings and Taylor [Dispensation].

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None declared.

77. MINUTES

The Chairman reminded Members that the Minutes were for accuracy purposes only.

It was proposed by Councillor Woodward, seconded by Councillor D Ennis, and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 December 2020 [Minute Nos. 65-74] be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

78. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reminded Members that we were in a serious position in this pandemic and that a few tough weeks lay ahead of us. She also acknowledged mental health in the working environment, particularly NHS front line staff, and thanked them for their dedication.

The Chairman referred to the free school meals debate and stated that the situation was being addressed nationally however if anyone were in this situation they needed to speak out and explained that no one should be suffering from food poverty and stated that there were individuals/groups who could direct people to where surplus food was available at different locations around the Town throughout the week.

The Chairman referred to the donation of laptops and if anyone had a device which they no longer required this could be donated to Burntwood Be A Friend as every child should have equal opportunities throughout the lockdown. Councillor Woodward explained that this was District Councillor Pullen's district wide initiative.

79. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FROM 29 DECEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Councillor D Ennis referred to the six individual payments made to G E Collis and Sons Limited in December 2020. He stated that after a discussion with the Town Clerk, hopefully in the future, this would be limited to one BACS payment per month being made to G E Collis and Sons Limited and not several individual payments.

It was proposed by Councillor Woodward, seconded by Councillor D Ennis, and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the payments from 29 December to 31 December 2020 in the sum of £4,837.36 be approved.

80. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Councillor Evans moved that although there were no longer members of the public present the Council still needed to approve the exclusion of the press and public so the next agenda item could be treated as confidential.

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies [Admissions of Meeting] Act 1960 [Section 2] [and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972], the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

81. COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS AT BONEY HAY DOCTOR'S SURGERY

The Town Clerk gave an update as the situation was rapidly changing. Members referred to Dr James Ward, GP and Partner at Darwin Medical Practice and Clinical Director Burntwood Primary Care Network, who continues to give a Covid vaccination update on Twitter including local care homes visited and number of jabs administered using both AZ and Pfizer vaccines. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would write a letter of appreciation to all the organisations concerned. Members were informed of the NHS definition relating to Hospital Hubs, Local Vaccination Services e.g., GP Practices and Vaccination Centres. Concerns were also raised by Members regarding the lack of bus services in the Highfield and Hunslet Wards as well as the Boney Hay and Central Ward, whether they used a local vaccination service or if they had to go further afield Members were mindful of transport issues. Members were informed of a charity called Kendall and Wall who were based in Lichfield who had specially equipped buses with lifts who may be able to provide return journeys to the Cathedral and back home.

It was proposed by Councillor Woodward, seconded by Councillor D Ennis, and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Town Council endorses the decision of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee to allocate £1,234, from the Better Burntwood Fund, to fund transport costs for attendance to Covid 19 vaccination sessions in Lichfield and authorise the Town Clerk to continue to explore opportunities for more local delivery of vaccinations and to also look at possible support [emergency basis].

[The Meeting closed at 6.55 pm]

Signed

Date