

MINUTES of the meeting of **ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL** held in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston at 7.30pm on Monday 28th March 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Hughes (Town Mayor) in the Chair
Councillors Brown, Bylett, Davison, Harrison, Leggett, Perry, Squire-Smith and Stanier.

In attendance: Town Clerk
County Councillor Hill,
District Councillors Green and Hunter

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.

315/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

316/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Beardwell, Inwood, Phillips and Smith.

317/22 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mayor reported that he had attended Holocaust Memorial Day, had met with Conservators' of the Therfield Heath and staff members of the Kingsway Golf Club. He had also hosted the Mayor's Civic Service that was well attended and he gave thanks to Father Philip from St Thomas of Canterbury & the English Martyrs church for hosting the event. The Mayor also informed the council that he had chaired the Annual Town Meeting.

318/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Members were advised to declare any interests at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. No requests for dispensations were received.

319/22 MINUTES:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th January 2022 (minutes 244/22 to 261/22).

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

320/22 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following minutes be adopted into the workings of the Council:

a) The meetings of the Planning committee held on:

- 10th January 2022 (minutes 227/22 to 232/22)
- 7th February 2022 (minutes 271/22 to 278/22)

b) The meeting of the Finance committee held on:

- 24th January 2022 (minutes 262/22 to 270/22)

c) The meeting of the General Purposes and Highways Committee held on:

- 10th January 2022 (minutes 233/22 to 243/22)

321/22 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following minutes, which have not already been approved as a correct record, be adopted into the workings of the Council:

- a) The meeting of the Finance Committee held on:
 - 28th February 2022 (minutes 279/22 to 291/22)
- b) The meeting of the Planning Committee held on:
 - 7th March 2022 (minutes 292/22 to 301/22)
- c) The meeting of the General Purposes and Highways Committee held on:
 - 14th March 2022 (minutes 302/22 to 314/22)

322/22 ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2022-2023:

Councillor Brown proposed an amendment that when the review of deposits is being undertaken, environmental, social and governance factors should be considered. Members **RESOLVED** to agree the Investment Strategy 2022-2023 with the proposed amendment.

323/22 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Town Clerk reported that the new plantation lecterns are nearly ready and will be installed as soon as possible. The Town Clerk also reported that the boiler at Market Hill Rooms needs to be replaced as it is judged not fit for purpose. This is in addition to the kitchen repairs required. Quotes will be gathered and discussions will take place at future council meetings to decide on an appropriate solution for this. The May Fayre will be taking place on Monday 2nd May. The Town Clerk asked councillors to spread the word to anyone who would be interested in a charity pitch at the event as there are still a few available.

Date of next meeting: 25th April 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.54pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____

Chairman