

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 8.36pm in the Town Hall

Present: Cllr Connolly

Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Earth, Fulford, Hale, Lewendon, Paton, Price, White & Wilson

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs R Edwards, Assistant Town Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Perkins

2. To receive declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To discuss Medium Term Staff Accommodation

The Members discussed the forthcoming repairs to the Town Hall roof. The Town Hall itself would be used during the majority of the building works although the Council Chamber would be out of bounds. It is hoped that all activities could be continued during the building works. The Town Hall may need to be closed for a short period temporarily. The need for a design brief was emphasised.

There was discussion about how to finance the repairs which are likely to run into six figures. Fordingridge Town Council is not currently able to afford these repairs but could possibly take out a Public Service Loan. This will need the approval of the community. Alternatively, the Precept could be increased.

The Staff and Remuneration Committee decided to move staff out of the Town Hall to the Visitor Information Centre during this period and then after all works are complete, to relocate all staff and the Visitor Information Centre back to the Town Hall again. A working party was formed to move this project forward. This consists of Cllr Hale (Chair), Cllrs Fulford, Paton, Wilson and White alongside the Town Clerk.

Members asked to be kept informed of progress.

4. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 6th December 2017

The meeting closed at 9.04pm