

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 9 October 2023 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs L D Evans (Chairman)
Cllr D J Hayward (Town Mayor)
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr R J Doorbar
Cllr M C Hilliar

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr A F Chaplin, Cllr D Walsh, Cllr W K Wood and Cllr Ms G Woodcraft

23.215 Public Speaking Time

No Members of the public were present.

23.216 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs C M Cunningham and Cllr Mrs M P Lewis.

23.217 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held on 26 June 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

23.218 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that everything was fine except for a leak in the roof above chambers. She explained that the Clerk had tried to get a roofer but to no avail. Members suggested one or two other companies and the Clerk will contact them if her previous calls were unsuccessful.

23.219 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone reported:

- The work to install new blinds in the dormer windows was now completed – as previously reported, it had been a bit of a saga! The window unit, which had cracked, had also been replaced.
- She was very pleased that the caretaker, Steve Moore, had now returned to work and she thanked his deputy, Paula Gliddon, for her tremendous support during his absence.
- She had been contacted by the Literary Festival who wished to work with the Town Council and Film Society on the sound system in the main hall. She would be waiting to obtain quotations for a new system until she had met with their representatives.

23.220 Hire Charges

A possible increase in the Hire Charges for the Public Hall and Norman Centre was discussed. The current pricing structure had been circulated prior to the Meeting and it was

Resolved: No increases will be introduced. Members were aware of the money raised by the various charities who use the facilities and they felt this should be continued.

23.221 Precept Requirements 2024/25

The figures prepared by the Clerk had been circulated prior to the Meeting and it was

Resolved: The Public Hall Precept requirement for 2024/25 would be £73100 and it was further

Resolved: The Norman Centre Precept requirement for 2024/25 would be £1600.

23.222 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- Cllr D J Hayward asked what would happen to the Norman Centre when the work to create publicly accessible toilet facilities was undertaken. The Clerk advised that the Centre would probably have to close whilst any work was carried out.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.23pm.

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Chairman

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