

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 28 October 2024 on the rising of the Town Council.

Meeting commenced at 8.46pm.

PRESENT

Cllr W K Wood (Chairman)
Cllr C A Sismore-Hunt (Town Mayor)
Cllr S P Cook
Cllr C M Cunningham
Cllr R J Doorbar
Cllr M P Lewis

In Attendance: Mrs J E Vanstone (Lead Town Clerk), Mrs A Gater-Wildgust (Town Clerk), Cllr S J Horn and Cllr G Woodcraft

24.267 Public Speaking Time

No Members of the public wished to speak.

24.268 Apologies for Absence

None, all Members being present.

24.269 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No interests were declared.

24.270 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held on 15 July 2024 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

24.271 Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised that he had nothing to report as discussions on the installation of acoustic clouds in the main Hall would be held later in the meeting.

24.272 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone reported:

- Bagwells would be returning to look at the damp patches which had reappeared in the right hand dressing room.
- The caretaker, Steve Moore, had visited the office and he had since advised of a date for his pacemaker upgrade. If this went to plan, he would be returning to work in the middle of January 2024.

24.273 Hall Acoustics

A survey carried out earlier in the year, plus a quotation for the supply and installation of acoustic clouds in the main Hall, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman reported that whilst the quotations for replacement stage lighting and sound system had been agreed, despite the best efforts of the Clerk to gain more quotations for this project, this was quite a specialist installation and therefore only one quotation had been received.

It was therefore

Resolved: The quotation would be accepted. The decision is made on the locality of the chosen company.

The Chairman added that he had spoken to the company and they were confident there would be no issues installing the clouds on to the lath and plaster ceiling.

24.274 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.

24.275 Precept Requirements 2025/26

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

Resolved: The Public Hall Precept requirement for 2025/26 would be £95600 and it was further

Resolved: The Norman Centre Precept requirement for 2025/26 would be £1700.

24.276 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.16pm.

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Chairman

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Date

