**Minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Debbie Donovan (Chair), Cllr Wendy Veck (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mary Campbell,Cllr Kiera Gordon-Garrett, Cllr Cathy Gallagher, Cllr Sherral Wood, Cllr Ian Alexander, Cllr Simon Studd, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Paul Davies, Cllr Nikki Fabry, Cllr Aimee Harman, Cllr Lee Ashby-Parkin, Cllr Nick Evans, Cllr Isobel Sharkey.

**Officers**: George Dyson (Town Clerk).

No members of the public were in attendance.

**C1294 MAYOR/CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair opened the meeting at 18:31, welcomed members to the meeting and informed the Council that there are lots of planned events coming up.

**C1295 PUBLIC SESSION. *MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ASK QUESTIONS ON ANY RELEVANT COUNCIL MATTER.***

There were no members of the public present.

**C1296 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Cheta was absent.

**C1297 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C1298 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH AUGUST 2024**

Proposed by: Cllr Griffiths Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey

The minutes were **agreed** and **adopted**.

**C1299 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH OCTOBER 2024**

Proposed by: Cllr Griffiths Seconded by: Cllr Veck

The minutes were **agreed** and **adopted**.

**C1300 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

Proposed by: Cllr Griffiths Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey

Council **resolved** to **agree** to exclude press and public from the remaining items.

**C1301 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM.**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10th December 2024 at 7.30pm.

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***In accordance with Standing Order 3(d) and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press are excluded from the discussion of the following items:-***

**C1302 TO AGREE WHETHER TO PROGRESS WITH A PROPOSAL FOR PROCUREMENT AND TENDERING SUPPORT IN RELATION TO THE HUB**

The Clerk summarised the report, and the Council discussed matters relating to the proposal including the cost of additional support outside of the quote, weighting criteria for local suppliers, the need for a Working Group, the current consultation that’s underway, and some unspent funds from a previously agreed budget for progressing items relating to the Hub.

It was proposed that the Council agree to proceed with option 1 in the report appendix.

Proposed by: Cllr Alexander Seconded by: Cllr Davies

The Council **resolved** to **agree** to proceed with option 1 for procurement and tendering support.

The Council then discussed the need for a Working Group, which will need to progress quickly in order to make the project possible for starting work in Summer 2025.

It was proposed that a Working Group be formed of Cllrs Gallagher, Campbell, Alexander, and Griffiths, and Officers as required, to meet with the associate and report back to Council in December.

Proposed by: Cllr Donovan Seconded by: Cllr Evans

The Council **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal.

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18:58.*