



## Seaford Town Council

### **Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Full Council on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG at 7.00pm.

#### **Present:**

Councillor O Honeyman (Mayor) and S Markwell (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors S Adeniji, S Ali, L Boorman, C Bristow, R Buchanan, R Clay, S Dubas, F Hoareau, J Lord, J Meek, G Rutland, L Stirton, I Taylor and L Wallraven.

Adam Chugg, Town Clerk

Louise Lawrence, Head of Assets, Projects & Services

Georgia Raeburn, Governance Manager

There were two members of the public in attendance

#### **C141/04/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Adeniji (arrived late), R Honeyman, R Stirton and M Wearmouth.

#### **C142/043/23 Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures of interests.

#### **C143/04/23 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<i>Confirmed that this was a statement with no need for an answer. Discussed the conflict of interest requirements under the Local Government Act in relation to the recent concessions process. Raised concerns around how the risk was declared, managed and mitigated. Feels that the process should have been stopped. Urged the Town Council to uphold statutory laws and regulations by showing good practice, openness and transparency.</i>

Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident B</i>	<i>As a procurement expert in the public sector, raised concerns with the handling of the conflict of interest, as covered under legislation and which applies to all public bodies. Discussed the different types of conflict of interest and impact of these, including risks to the process and public body. Shared the opinion that this process should be handled under usual procurement legislation, rather than on a concessions basis. Summarised that they believe that the process is flawed and should be redone.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.

### **C144/04/23 Exclusion of Press & Public**

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public **BE EXCLUDED** from the meeting during the discussion on the remaining items of business for the reasons as set out on the agenda.

*(7.13pm - all public members exited the meeting)*

### **C145/04/23 Confirmation of Concessions Process EXEMPT**

*(7.15pm – Cllr S Adeniji entered the meeting)*

Members considered exempt report 209/23 in great depth, briefing Full Council on the process undertaken with the recent concessions process.

*(7.47pm – Cllr S Adeniji exited the meeting)*

*(8.59pm – 9.07pm – a short break was held)*

It was **PROPOSED** to **NOTE** the briefing within the report - a **RECORDED VOTE** was requested:

Councillor S Ali	For
Councillor L Boorman	For
Councillor C Bristow	Abstain
Councillor R Buchanan	For
Councillor R Clay	For
Councillor S Dubas	Against
Councillor F Hoareau	Abstain

Councillor O Honeyman	For
Councillor J Lord	For
Councillor S Markwell	Abstain
Councillor J Meek	For
Councillor G Rutland	For
Councillor L Stirton	For
Councillor I Taylor	For
Councillor L Wallraven	For

; the **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

*Councillor O Honeyman*

Councillor Olivia Honeyman

Mayor of Seaford