

## **CLITHEROE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday 27 September 2021 In the Council Chamber, Clitheroe Town Hall**

**PRESENT:-** The Town Mayor, Councillor Simon O'Rourke, in the Chair  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Jenni Schumann  
Councillors Ian Brown, Kerry Fletcher, Stewart Fletcher, Mark French,  
Gaynor Hibbert, Jonathan Hill, Donna O'Rourke, Town Clerk

#### **36.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence, together with reasons, had been received from Councillor Mary Robinson.

#### **37.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

#### **38.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **39.21 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19 July 2021 were approved and signed.

#### **40.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to planning applications received for weeks ended 10, 17 & 24 September 2021

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-  
3/2021/0871, 0910, 0914 & 0923.

#### **41.21 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2021**

The Town Clerk advised that arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were proceeding on the basis that there would be a return to processions and a ceremony at the war memorial. A traffic management company had been booked and a traffic regulation order obtained. The Town Clerk had liaised with Rev Andy Froud about the number to be permitted in church as it was known this would be limited. It was suggested and agreed that the Town Council would not organise any refreshments after the ceremony at the war memorial as this would encourage a mass gathering in an indoor space which would not be wise in the current circumstances. It was stressed that all arrangements were subject to change if H M Government guidelines were to be amended.

The possibility of the Town Council assisting with a project to put large poppies on flag poles around the town for Remembrance Sunday was discussed. It was agreed that the Town Council could make a financial contribution but did not have the resources to become involved with the practicalities of the scheme.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council make a financial contribution towards the poppy scheme but that it be made clear the Town Council could not be involved with the practicalities.

#### **42.21 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2021**

The Town Clerk advised that letters inviting applications for small Christmas trees would soon need to be delivered to businesses in the town centre. It was suggested and agreed that the price for small trees remained the same as the previous year in view of the difficult economic situation for businesses following the pandemic. It was not known whether there would be an increase in the number of businesses wanting a tree after last year's reduction in numbers.

It was suggested that the possibility of funding from RVBC for additional lighting on York Street be explored.

#### **43.21 ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021 AND ACCOUNTS PAID SEPTEMBER 2021 (to date)**

The Town Clerk submitted details of the account balances at of 31 August 2021 noting that the overall financial situation was healthy. Details were provided of accounts paid in September 2021 (to date) for approval.

**Resolved:** THAT the account balances be noted and the accounts paid in September 2021 be approved.