

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 2 September 2020**

Councillor Sandra Barnes (Mayor)

Present: Councillor Meredith Lawrence Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth  
Councillor Michael Adams Councillor Mike Hope  
Councillor Peter Barnes Councillor Rosa Keneally  
Councillor Michael Boyle Councillor Ron McCrossen  
Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Viv McCrossen  
Councillor John Clarke Councillor Simon Murray  
Councillor Liz Clunie Councillor Julie Najuk  
Councillor Bob Collis Councillor Marje Paling  
Councillor Jim Creamer Councillor John Parr  
Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor Michael Payne  
Councillor David Ellis Councillor Alex Scroggie  
Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Martin Smith  
Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Sam Smith  
Councillor Andrew Ellwood Councillor Jennifer Thomas  
Councillor Kathryn Fox Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton  
Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor John Truscott  
Councillor Helen Greensmith Councillor Paul Wilkinson  
Councillor Gary Gregory

Absent: Councillor Chris Barnfather, Councillor Pat Bosworth,  
Councillor Paul Feeney, Councillor Barbara Miller and  
Councillor Henry Wheeler

**19 OPENING PRAYERS.**

The Mayor's Chaplin, Reverend Sally Baylis delivered opening prayers followed by a minute of silence in memory of Alderman John Boot who had recently passed away.

**20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnfather, Bosworth, Feeney, Miller and Wheeler.

**21 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor spoke about recent, albeit socially distanced engagements that she had recently attended.

The Mayor and a number of Members paid tribute to former Councillor and Alderman John Boot who had recently passed away. Members acknowledged his lengthy service as a councillor which predated the formation of Gedling Brough Council in 1976 until his retirement in 2015. Members commented that he was a true gentleman and extremely dedicated to the community of Woodborough that he served for such a long period and would be missed by all associated with the Council.

**22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**23 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: ARNOLD MARKET PLACE REGENERATION SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager Economic Growth and Regeneration, which had been referred to Council by Cabinet in order to establish the necessary budget to enable to market place regeneration scheme to proceed.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Establish additional capital budget of £1,566,700 as an addition to the 2021/22 capital programme for the redevelopment of the Arnold Market Place funded by:
  - a) £255,000 from the earmarked Business Rates Pool Revenue Reserve which is set aside for investment in economic regeneration projects; and
  - b) £1,311,700 to be financed by prudential borrowing; and
- 2) Agree the amendment to the Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix E to the report.

**24 NON-ATTENDANCE BY A COUNCILLOR FOR SIX MONTHS**

Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Democratic Services relating to non-attendance at Council meetings.

In moving the recommendations, Councillor Payne informed members that due to Councillor Keneally's presence at the meeting, recommendation one in the report was no longer necessary and accordingly would not be put.

Councillor Payne advised that he was proposing a slight amendment to the wording in paragraph 2.2 of the report to make it clear that for the second Covid-19 related reason for non-attendance to apply (where a member has been required to quarantine or self-isolate) that if the

member was able to attend the meeting remotely, their reason for non-attendance would not automatically be accepted.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Accept the reasons for non-attendance specified in paragraph 2.2 of the report, with the addition of “and is unable to attend the meeting remotely” at the end of paragraph 2.2(2)” such reasons to apply to all Members until the Annual Meeting to be held in May 2021; and
- 2) Agree the process for reporting as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

The meeting finished at 3.10 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: