



Minutes of the of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 21 January 2020 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.

PRESENT: Cllrs Steve Serna (Chair), Pauline O'Reilly, Stephen Garrity, Andy Canham, Christine Leith, Lynne Williams and Maureen Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public: Sarah Gorst, Andy Gorst and Vicky Serna.

20.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Margaret Lockhart

20.27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20.28 ELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chair explained that both he and the Clerk had been summonsed at very short notice to attend a meeting called by the Chair and Vice Chair of The Community Centre Trustees on the evening of Tuesday 14 January 2020. The meeting took place at Elton Community Centre at 7pm. In attendance were Colin Crispin, Sandra Crispin, Ron Reading, Steve Serna and Tracey Bellis.

Colin advised that the Community Centre Trustees were resigning in their entirety and presented the Clerk with a "letter of resignation" on behalf of all the current Trustees, which was signed by both Colin Crispin and Ron Reading in the presence of Cllr Serna and the Clerk. Colin expressed his sadness at resigning but advised he felt he had no choice but to do so. Sandra Crispin handed over to the Clerk all the keys to the Community Centre and a diary of bookings and a sheet of paper which contained information relating to passwords for the Community Centre bank account (HSBC) and webpage (Yell) and advised that the Community Centre accounts were with the accountants (Pursglove & Brown). There was also a partial stocktake, the front sheet was missing, which Sandra acknowledged and advised that she would provide as soon as possible. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received this information to date.

Both Sandra and Colin gave instructions on managing the bookings and procedures for managing the Centre and advised they were readily contactable for advice and guidance if it was needed.

The Chair thanked Colin, Sandra and Ron for all that they had done whilst in charge of the Community Centre and all parties shook hands.

The decision now lays before the Parish Council on how they wish to proceed. It is believed that the outgoing Trustees are in breach of trust for leaving the charity without any remaining trustees and that the Parish Council have no choice other than to call an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Community Centre with a view to appointing new Trustees. This proposal was agreed unanimously and therefore it was resolved to post that evening a Notice of Annual General Meeting for 14 days and that the AGM of Elton Community Centre will therefore take place on Wednesday 5 February 2020.

It was discussed and agreed that the Chair would issue a statement to residents to clarify the situation with Elton Community Centre.

The Chair requested that members of the public leave before the commencement of Part 2

AGENDA PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

20.29 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 27 January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Elton Community Centre. The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

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