



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

Name: James Hunt (Mayor)

Date: 19th of December 2024

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,

1900hrs on Thursday 21st of November 2024

Present: Cllrs James Hunt (Mayor), Simon Budd, Colin Hunt, Graham Hutter, Tina Potter, Rosemary Shakespeare, Lynne Paraskeva, Eli Akatwijuka, Abi Cohen, Rachael Hunt and Kelly Allen.

In attendance: Joanne Bryant, Town Clerk, and Jane Wray, Deputy Town Clerk.

Apologies: Bobbie Sunderland (Deputy Mayor)

Public: One member of the public attended the meeting.

Notes: The meeting began at 1900hrs. All resolutions are passed with a majority vote, by a show of hands, unless otherwise stated.

INTRODUCTION

FC_2024.095 Welcome and Introductions.

The Mayor welcomed everyone present, and the emergency procedures were explained.

FC_2024.096 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.

The Mayor reminded members of the requirements to declare an interest. No interests were disclosed.

FC_2024.097 Public Participation.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Andrej Turk made representation of himself to be considered for co-option later on the agenda.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

FC_2024.098 Minutes.

The *Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 17th of October 2024*, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Mayor.

FC_2024.099 Outstanding items.

The Clerk provided a brief report.

FC_2024.100 Applications for Co-option to fill casual vacancies.

That Andrej Turk be co-opted to Emersons Green Town Council. Andrej Turk signed an Office of Acceptance form.

INTEL & CURRENT AFFAIRS

FC_2024.101 Crime Update.

The Council received a written report from Avon and Somerset Police.

FC_2024.102 Government Consultation

The Council considered a response to the current Government consultation for enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings and delegated its completion to the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS

FC_2024.103 Correspondence.

Official correspondence to the Council noted, copies having been circulated.

OPERATIONS

FC_2024.104 Updates received from Committees.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Cllr Graham Hutter provided a verbal summary from the Finance & Partnership Committee, Cllr Colin Hunt provided a verbal summary of the work of the Planning Committee, and Cllr Kelly Allen provided a summary of the work of the Open Spaces Committee.

FC_2024.105 Updates received from Working Groups.

Cllr Kelly Allen provided a summary of the work of the Climate and Nature Working Group, including the Sustainable Fashion Show being planned for January 2025, and success in this year's Bee Bold Awards.

FC_2024.106 External bodies reports noted.

The Town Clerk provided an update on Creative Youth Network activities and observations.

FC_2024.107 Committee vacancies.

It was noted that Cllr Graham Hutter was stepping down from the Open Spaces Committee. All Committee vacancies were noted and all Councillors invited to consider membership.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

FC_2024.108 New/updated documents and policies:

- Resolution:
- a. Pension Discretion Policy
 - b. Pension Discretion Statement
 - c. Standby and Callout Policy

PLANNING & STRATEGY

FC_2024.109 Forward Plan.

Upcoming agenda items and projects noted.

DATES & TIMINGS

FC_2024.110 Next Meeting.

1. The next meeting of the Full Council is currently scheduled for:
Thursday 19th of December 2024 at 1900hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chambers.
2. The meeting was closed at 1952hrs.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillors were invited to make Parish announcements and take part in a general discussion after the meeting.