

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council Held Virtually on Microsoft Teams At 6.00pm on Monday 25 January 2021

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs G Burgess (Mayor), P Adams, J Dean (Deputy Mayor), P Gillam, N Green, Mrs H Fraser, Ms K Halliday, I Jones, J Mackenzie, A Mosley, Mrs P Moseley, P Nutting, K Pardy, A Phillips, K Roberts, D Vasmer & Mrs R Wall.

IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Amanda Spencer (Deputy Town Clerk), Gary Farmer (Operations Manager), Andy Watkin (Responsible Finance Officer), Ruth Jones (Office Manager) & Carol Pullen (Committee Clerk).

70/20 WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed Councillors, Officers and members of the public tuning in to the Council's Virtual live-streamed meeting and ran through a few house rules. She also noted that the meeting was not being recorded and the Minutes would be published on the Town Council's website in the usual way.

71/20 APOLOGIES

None

72/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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| Shropshire Councillors | Twin hatted members declared personal interests in matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council. |
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73/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16 November 2020 were circulated as read.

RESOLVED:

That upon the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16 November 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

74/20 MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised.

75/20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

75.1 MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

There were none.

75.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK

There were none.

76/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The Town Clerk reported that standing orders had been followed in seeking questions ahead of the meeting, but she had accepted questions up until 4pm on the day of this meeting. The following questions had been received:

QUESTION 1

The minutes 18/05/2020 show that STC was to commission an independent review to help it identify shortcomings (that may have influenced the case in the Public Information Report about Greenfields, on the website) and to consider 'fully' what lessons there may be for correcting 'governance failings within STC'. The 'transparent' review would 'consider evidence and submissions from all interested parties' and it was envisaged there might be a report in Autumn 2020. We understand that we are paying for a QC to do this.

Questions:

- 1. Operation Aloft has been investigating criminality in sale of land by Liverpool Council. Doing deals with no evidence of published advertisement or tendering process is a criticism of that council. Can we be assured that no suspicions of failing that are criminal apply to STC?**
- 2. With regard to their intention to sell Greenfields land, the PIR indicates that STC Officers failed in advertising and consideration of objections. It seems that they then failed to fully and accurately volunteer information to decision makers. It can be inferred that maybe they also tried to deny or obfuscate rather than help mitigate the consequences of a mistake. Such behaviour is not unique to Greenfields. So, is an interim report yet imminent? That might indicate whether it is appropriate to still hold-off an official complaint about the behaviours of certain STC officers.**
- 3. Will any report be entered onto the website? - related to the P.I.R.?**

- 4. From what sources have STC or Mr Redfern sought illustrations or suggestions?**
- 5. From what sources have STC or Mr Redfern received illustrations or suggestions?**
- 6. What are the anticipated next steps and estimated timeframe?**

Answered by Councillor Alan Mosley, Leader of the Council

1. The Terms of Reference for the enquiry have been publicised and are well known and we await the results based on those Terms of Reference.
2. There is no interim report envisaged, the full report will be given as I will describe below.
3. The PIR was published on the website as will be the report of the QC's investigation.
4. This has been an independent investigation conducted by Michael Redfern QC. I am aware he has discussed matters and had meetings with residents of Greenfields, other sources will be listed in his report.
5. Answer as number 4.
6. As I reported at the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting (11 January 2021) we hope that the report will be ready for the next F&GP meeting scheduled for 1 February 2021.

QUESTION 2

What response do you have to the news that Shropshire is at the bottom of the vaccination roll out list? Is there any concern regarding the fact that there are 100-year-old residents in care homes in Shrewsbury who have not been offered the vaccine? A couple both in their nineties with underlying health conditions also not vaccinated. Have any of the elected representatives contacted the vaccination tsar Mr Zahawi to ask the reason for this or some indication of how it may be remedied. It seems quite inexplicable to me that the welfare of Shropshire citizens is not a major concern of the council.

Answered by Councillor Alan Mosley, Leader of the Council

The welfare of Shropshire citizens is absolutely a major concern of the Council and officers and officers have continued to liaise with Public Health Colleagues regarding the vaccination programme in Shrewsbury. Councillor Carroll, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Public Health has spoken to all Shropshire MPS and representations have been made to both Matt Hancock, the Secretary of State for Health and Nadhim Zahawi the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for COVID 19 Vaccination Deployment and the Prime Minister.

As of 9am today 98% of Over 65s in Care Homes have received their first vaccine.

In Shrewsbury the Education Centre at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital is up and running as a vaccination centre and the Indoor Bowls Centre at the Sports Village will be ready early February. The first GP Practices shall be receiving their first supplies of the Oxford/Astro-Xenica vaccines on Weds this week.

It should be stressed that the Vaccination Rollout is being co-ordinated by the NHS National & Regional Executive. Shropshire Council has provided HR, Communications, IT, Logistics, Transportation and Volunteers to facilitate the arrangements. Town Council Officers continue to work with the COVID Resilience Team to provide any necessary local facilities, support and knowledge.

Shropshire Council has received assurances that the first 4 priority groups will have received their first vaccinations in line with the national timetable of mid-February.

77/20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Motion put forward by Councillor Kate Halliday

Shrewsbury has flooded 3 times in the last year, with some devastating effects to businesses and residents. Businesses in Coleham have been particularly badly affected. Extra money was announced by the government for flood prevention in Feb 2020 and the River Severn Partnership is discussing a 'holistic approach', relying heavily on flood prevention measures upstream. However, these plans are very much at an initial stage of planning and even if they come to fruition it will be several years before they are implemented with no clear indication that they will prevent flooding significantly in Coleham. During this wait, if flooding continues it will create significant damage to Coleham, its businesses and its residential property.

Can I ask that this Town Council asks Shropshire Council work with the Environment Agency to urgently develop short, medium and long-term plans to prevent flooding in Coleham.

Members supported the Motion put forward by Councillor Halliday but sought some amendments. Whilst members sympathised with the situation in Coleham, it was widely agreed that these flooding events not only affected Coleham but other areas of the town within the river loop including Quarry and Coton Hill.

Councillor Dean expressed concern that particularly in New Street the issue was not so much the river level but that the storm drains were not able to cope causing the water to come up from drains so he felt it was imperative to include Severn Trent.

Councillor Vasmer said there were issues at the bottom end of Underdale Road and he expressed his concern at the lack of financial support through the grants which were available from Government. He asked that an amendment be included lobbying the MP to make sure that Government reconsiders the issue of grants and ensuring people get proper compensation.

In supporting the Motion, Councillor Mosley wished to see the local MP held to account and requested that the MP be asked to make a public statement as to why when these floods were increasing year after year and there was nothing being done by the Government. He also requested that Shropshire Council be called upon to set up an emergency scrutiny committee to investigate why this was happening and what could be done to alleviate and mitigate the impact on a short, medium and long-term basis. There was no use talking about the Severn Valley Partnership as a solution to this, the work they would be

undertaking was many years away and there were increasing rates of flooding around the town so it was time for urgent action on a short and medium-term basis to get some action acting on what was an increasing and devastating problem for those involved which had a huge impact on businesses and on the economy within the town.

RESOLVED:

That Shrewsbury has flooded 3 times in the last year, with some devastating effects to businesses and residents. Businesses in places like Coleham, Porthill, Quarry and Coton Hill have been particularly badly affected. Extra money was announced by the government for flood prevention in Feb 2020 and the River Severn Partnership is discussing a 'holistic approach', relying heavily on flood prevention measures upstream. However, these plans are very much at an initial stage of planning and even if they come to fruition it will be several years before they are implemented with no clear indication that they will prevent flooding significantly in the areas outlined. During this wait, if flooding continues it will create significant damage to areas of Shrewsbury, its businesses and its residential property.

Town Council therefore:

- 1. Requests that Shropshire Council work with the Environment Agency to urgently develop short, medium and long-term plans to prevent flooding in these areas.**
- 2. Seeks a statement from the MP:**
 - a. As to why nothing has been done to alleviate the increasing prevalence of flooding year on year in Shrewsbury**
 - b. Lobbying Government to reconsider its approach to allocating grant funding to those who have been affected by flooding**

78/20 CENSUS 2021

The Mayor welcomed Roger Belham the Census Engagement Manager (Shropshire) for the Office of National Statistics (ONS). He gave a presentation on the preparation for the 2021 Census scheduled for 21 March 2021. The Office of National Statistics had been preparing for the last nine years for the Census and although the COVID situation had changed things slightly the Census would go ahead.

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and everyone takes part. The ONS is responsible for the census in England and Wales. The census is important because it gives the most detailed information we have about our society. Northern Ireland will hold their own around the same time but the Scottish census is delayed until 2022.

Before the statistics are published it is ensured that no personal information is published. The information collected in the census remains anonymous for 100 years and everyone must complete the census. Legislation made the modern census a legal obligation in 1920. The

census provides information that central & local government needs to shape policy, allocate resources, plan services and monitor equality.

For the first time this will be a digital-first census, paper forms will be standard in some areas. There will be focus on engaging with everyone, including under-represented and hard to reach groups and help will be available for people who need support to take part online.

Ahead of the 21 March there will be a period of raising awareness including engagement with Shropshire communities, postcards sent to all households to tell everyone about the census and a National advertising campaign. During February a Notice to households advising that a unique access code will be provided to access the census online. Towards the end of February Awareness postcards will be sent to households.

In early March Contact & Census support teams go live. From 8-14 March Unique Access Codes & paper census forms will be distributed. There will be an opportunity to request paper forms. From 15-21 March the Census to be completed. Census can be completed early online based upon the situation on 21 March. After 21 March there will be a series of TV and online reminders followed by individual reminders and eventually personal visits by the Census teams to complete forms.

There is a Local Authority Partnership Plan agreement between Shropshire Council and the ONS to achieve 2011 94% response or more, agreed community priorities, key population groups, shared contacts, shared marketing plan & facilities support.

Census support will include a census support centre in Shrewsbury Library, national telephone helplines, communal teams will work with care homes, census curriculum plans are available for primary & secondary schools & specialist materials for the hard of hearing and the partially sighted.

Local people will be recruited to work on the census, approximately 200 people employed in Shropshire. All households will receive an invitation to fill out the census questionnaire with a household access code, as well as information to help them to take part online. There will be a media campaign to encourage participation. There will be work within the community to support those who need help, including help to get online.

COVID presents many challenges for the Census team so we ask Councillors for their help to help us publicise the census. There are lots of posters and leaflets available in a variety of languages.

Follow the census activities online www.census.gov.uk

Following the presentation Mr Belham offered to take questions from members:

Councillor Phillips asked, given that Scotland had delayed their Census until 2022, why England & Wales were still going ahead and the reasons why a different approach from Scotland had been taken.

Mr Belham said that in 2019 the Office for National Statistics in England and Wales had carried out a trial Census in order to beef up the census for this year. A lot was learnt at that stage, one of the things being that children were able to use their smartphones to complete the census on behalf of their grandparents. Scotland did not undertake a trial census so were

behind in the curve so as far as he was aware that was the main reason why Scotland had decided to put their Census back.

There being no further questions the Mayor thanked Mr Belham for his time and he left the meeting.

79/20 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on 7 December 2020 & 11 January 2021 were circulated as read.

In proposing the Minutes, Councillor Mosley drew members attention to several points:

Minutes of 7 December 2020

Min 35/20 (ii) –Hydro Scheme at the Weir – discussions were taking place with Shropshire Council about revisiting the Hydro Scheme at the Weir following Committee’s recommendation to get involved, both from a climate change perspective as well as something they believed would be well supported by the public. £20,000 from the Climate Emergency Fund had been set aside to jointly commission feasibility work but as a lot of work had been done at the time when the earlier private scheme was investigated it was hoped that costs would be less than that amount.

Min 36/20 – Youth –the Committee had received the Report on Youth provision in Shrewsbury and Councillor Mosley felt this was something that the Council and the whole of Shrewsbury could be proud of. Since the Council had taken over this function extremely hard and extremely successful work had been done and the Committee had resolved that a Vote of Thanks be given to the Youth Team on the excellent work being done, particularly during these difficult times of COVID when they have adapted very well, particularly bearing in mind the alternative curriculum work they had been doing and actually been gaining significant funding for.

Minutes of 11 January 2021

Min 43/20 – Combined Sewer Outflows – there had been an interesting presentation given by Pete Lambert from the Wildlife Trust informing members of the devastating effects the effluent going into the river is increasingly having on our facilities and a Motion supporting the Wildlife Trust in their efforts and urging others to get involved in this campaign. Councillor Mosley reported that the Private Members Bill put forward by Phillip Dunne MP did not get on the Agenda but it was understood he had received some confirmation from the Government that the sentiments behind it would be adopted in a review in due course.

Min 44/20 – Website – the development of the new website was going well and Councillor Mosley hoped that members would take advantage of the session offered giving them an opportunity to review and make comments.

RESOLVED:

That upon the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on 7 December 2020 & 11 January 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

80/20 RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Recreation & Leisure Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2020 were circulated as read.

Councillor Vasmer referred to Min 25/20 – Wakeman Playing Fields and enquired if there had been any progress into securing the playing fields for recreational use.

The Town Clerk reported that officers had met with representatives from the college to discuss a potential future use for the field. They were amenable to the potential of disposal and Council were currently undertaking valuations of the site with a view to putting further proposals to the college in due course.

RESOLVED:

That upon the minutes of the Recreation & Leisure Committee meeting held on 25 November 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

81/20 PLANNING MEETINGS

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 17 November 2020, 8 December 2020, 5 January 2021 & 19 January 2021 were submitted as circulated and read.

In presenting the Minutes, Councillor Green reported that an extra ordinary Planning Meeting had been held on 19 January, to which all Councillors had been invited to consider any representations to the Regulation 19 Draft Local Plan discussions. A full discussion had taken place and subsequent to that the Town Clerk drafted a letter which had been circulated to members for consideration at this meeting. A discussion took place and some members expressed concern that the Draft Local Plan was not sufficiently robust. Members duly voted on whether to submit the letter as presented:

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| Councillor Adams | For |
| Councillor Burgess | |
| Councillor Dean | Against |
| Councillor Fraser | Abstain |
| Councillor Gillam | For |
| Councillor Green | Abstain |
| Councillor Halliday | For |
| Councillor Jones | For |
| Councillor Mackenzie | Abstain |
| Councillor Mrs Moseley | For |
| Councillor Mosley | For |
| Councillor Nutting | For |
| Councillor Pardy | For |

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| Councillor Phillips | For |
| Councillor Roberts | For |
| Councillor Vasmer | Abstain |
| Councillor Wall | For |

RESOLVED:

- (i) **That the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 17 November 2020, 8 December 2020, 5 January 2021 & 19 January 2021 be accepted and approved.**
- (ii) **That Shrewsbury Town Council's comments in relation to the Regulation 19 Pre-submission Draft Local Plan consultation as drafted by the Town Clerk be sent to Shropshire Council.**

82/20 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on 14 December 2020 & 21 December 2020 were circulated as read.

Councillor Vasmer referred to the minutes of 21 December 2020 where a report from the Grievance Committee was considered but it was not clear that consequential matters raised in that report were considered by the Committee and he sought assurance that they were considered and if this were not the case that they be considered by the Personnel Committee at its next meeting.

Cllr Mosley assured Councillor Vasmer that they had been considered and were on train in terms of the actions arising.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on 14 & 21 December 2020 be accepted and approved.

83/20 UPDATE ON COUNCIL ACTIVITY AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECOVERY PLAN

The Town Clerk's update report had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting. The Town Clerk made the following comments:

- **Play Areas** – there had been a number of emails received about why the Council continued to keep play areas open and the Town Clerk reported that she had responded to individual complainants and also issued a press release on this subject which had been forwarded to members for information. Council continued to follow national guidance and operate facilities in as COVID-safe way as possible.
- **Recovery Taskforce** – continued to meet fortnightly and the Group remained very concerned about infection rates in the county with there being localised rates comparable with Wolverhampton. The message of HANDS-FACE-SPACE and Stay At Home was key.

- **Flooding** – Staff had secured the necessary sites and continued to work with colleagues from the Environment Agency and the Highways Team.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk's report be noted

84/20 BUDGET 2021/22

The RFO reported that Finance & General Purposes Committee had discussed the budget and made recommendations for approval at this meeting. He gave members a brief overview.

The RFO reported that the budget had been produced with various caveats in relation to COVID Impact; namely lockdown would be over before the new financial year commenced. There may be a slight hangover eg commercial properties cannot trade at full capacity but most income was expected to be back to normal levels and general reserves would be utilised if this was the case as the amounts would be minimal.

Expenditure excluding capital and transfers to reserves had increased from £3.313m last year to £3.404, primarily due to inflationary pressures on costs.

There was no increase in staff numbers, although there would be recruitments from March onwards for staff who had left over the past year and who had not been replaced to provide savings for the lost income during the current year.

Due to the uncertainty of the Coronavirus, no enhancements to service had been made which could have necessitated a precept increase as income was expected to decrease but towards the bottom of the expenditure budget there was a new project heading called Community Projects with a budget of £10k.

Income was budgeted to decrease from £3.726m in the last budget to £3.667m, despite slight increases in some income streams. Returns on interest received were at an all-time low.

The effect of the reduced Livestock Market income is also factored as a reduction into this year's budget.

Regards capital and reserves, a further £75k is budgeted for the carbon mitigation fund, as well as £33k for bus shelters and £33k for ash dieback per commitments last year, all this is detailed in the earmarked reserves summary along with usual commitments for elections, and various capital sink funds for replacement fleet and equipment.

It was expected that a number of capital projects which use reserves or CIL would go ahead per capital projects list but as the money was set aside was not reflected in the budget.

The RFO had made a forecast projection for this current year which took into account the third lockdown announcement which increased the deficit for the year to £85,000 which

would be met from general reserves. This was based on the current lockdown ending at the end of February and effects commercial and sporting income.

To help residents of Shrewsbury during these difficult times the proposal was to keep the Band D rate of £60.25 the same which would raise a precept of £1,525,610. This was a slight increase on last year because tax base had increased very slightly.

In proposing the budget Councillor Mosley said this was a budget that Shrewsbury Town Council could be proud of, it represented significant improvements in services across all the wards in the town and a large capital budget from various sources with very significant progress. He thanked the Officers, particularly the RFO for the good housekeeping and sound financial control and planning that he had again provided in these reports and in his budget preparation. When anyone talks about advancement in services and investment it is likely that they will ask about the cost of that to the individual Council tax payers and Councillor Mosley was pleased to report that this year there is no intention of increasing the precept particularly during this time of hardship for the residents of Shrewsbury.

Councillor Mosley appraised members of some of the projects that had been discussed at the Finance & General Purposes Committee. These were culmination of Officer and Councillor contributions:

- Significant expansion of wildflower verges across the town
- Installation of more benches across the town
- Refurbishment and additional bus shelters
- More litter bins
- Extended floral blooms outside of the town centre to community hubs and along main road approaches to the town
- Continue investment in footpaths and cycleways
- Possible addition of Wakeman Playing Fields to create a Forest Park and a green recreational site – this would represent a significant capital investment but worth doing, not just for the current situation but going forward and would have climate change implications as well as Big Town Plan benefits
- Castle Walk – creation of major trails along the river. It was hoped to put in a programme of liaison with schools over its design and workshops for local schools
- Removal of the old Victorian greenhouse, replacing it with a new contemporary design garden feature and interpretation. Upgrade of Quarry Depot.
- Topping up of Climate Emergency Fund to maintain balances
- Major development of Recreation facilities

Upton Lane BMX, play area and pathways

Mary Webb additional play facilities, surfacing and paths

Kynaston Road improvement of infant play area and skateboard ramps

Greenacres play area

Quarry Solar lights will be extended through to Porthill Bridge

Moston Road – improved BMX facilities, landscaping and tree planting

Major improvements to Radbrook Recreation Ground

Improvements to Stanley Lane Recreation Ground

Officers would now look at the projects put forward by members and prioritise them and the Group Leaders will then consider these with a view to presenting them to the next Recreation & Leisure and Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings.

Councillor Phillips agreed that it was certainly appropriate to give a 0% increase in this year and made comment that although given the current situation it was difficult to predict the impact on the budget precisely, he considered that the reserves, despite the impact of the pandemic had held surprisingly well and there were a lot of allocated reserves that rolled over year to year so the Council was well funded. He suggested that not only did the Council back the 0% this year but commit to holding the 0% increase for the next financial year, given the impact on COVID on the economy which would be felt for years to come, whilst continuing to deliver good services.

Councillor Mosley responded that although it was the aspiration of all members to keep Council tax as low as possible, as there were local elections taking place in May, which could bring different councillors, it would not be appropriate for members to pre-determine on their behalf. Much of the budget would be implemented by a different group of councillors.

Councillor Vasmer stressed there had been a lot of work done in consulting councillors and getting their proposals to put into the project plans he commended Officers for their work in the preparation of the budget. He echoed Councillor Mosley's comments on the Wakeman Playing Field, which he felt would be a really exciting development and result in a dramatic increase in the amount of open space available to residents throughout the town and he looked forward to progress on that particular issue.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That it be noted that Shropshire Council had set the Council Tax Base for Shrewsbury for 2021/22 as being 25320.49.**
- (ii) That the Revenue Budget for 2021/22 be set at £3,697,021.00.**
- (iii) That the Council set the Capital Budget as recommended by the Finance & General Purpose Committee.**
- (iv) That a Precept Levy of £1,525,610 be levied against the ratepayers of Shrewsbury for the financial year 2021/22.**
- (v) The Fees & Charges for 2021/22 financial year as recommended by both the Recreation & Leisure Committee and the Finance & General Purpose Committee be approved.**

85/20 BIG TOWN PLAN MASTERPLAN

Ahead of the meeting members were in receipt of the Town Clerk's report and the link to the Draft Shrewsbury Big Town Plan Masterplan.

The Town Clerk hoped that members would have had time to read the document and hopefully had attended some of the session during the first week of the Big Town Plan Festival last week where the Masterplan was launched. All of those sessions were recorded and available to view at leisure by going onto the festival website festival.bigtownplan.org.

The 6-week consultation period had now opened and the consultation questionnaire could be accessed on the Big Town Plan Website. Comments would then be collated and considered by the Big Town Plan Board and a Final Document shall be presented for adoption in the early summer.

Members held a lively discussion and it was widely recognised that a great deal of work had gone into the Masterplan over the last three years and had been a culmination of a successful working relationship between the Town Council, Shropshire Council and the BID. It presented an exciting vision of how the town might develop over the next twenty years but it was also recognised that this was a vision and not a blueprint and there were likely to be many changes as time went by. They hoped people would get involved in the Big Town Plan festival that was currently taking place and also the six-week consultation that was to follow.

There were concerns that the movement strategy within the document was a little vague and members were keen to see much more detail included and they felt this to be an area that required much consultation.

Councillor Vasmer raised concerns about the references to the North-West Relief Road as a key to reducing traffic in the town and felt that proposals could be made without the need for the North-West Relief Road which was echoed by Councillor Dean.

Councillor Vasmer proposed that as part of the six-week consultation process the Council convene an open Full Council meeting devoted to debating the salient points of the Big Town Plan and an opportunity to reflect on the presentations and some of the finer detail.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Report of the Town Clerk be noted.**
- (ii) That the Draft Big Town Plan Masterplan be welcomed and its content, intent and purpose be supported.**
- (iii) That the 6-week period of public consultation be noted.**
- (iv) That an extra meeting of Council be convened to debate the Masterplan further and allow any comments to be fed into the consultation process.**

86/20 CLOSING REMARKS

The Mayor closed the meeting and thanked all Councillors for attending and taking part in this virtual meeting. She also thanked staff who had supported this meeting.