

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025 AT 7.00PM AT THE TOWN HALL**

Present: **Councillor** **Annette Eyre (Town Mayor)**
 Matthew Bayliss
 Don Hammond
 Graham Hill
 Matthew Kellermann
 Nick O'Brien
 Janice Treacher

In attendance: **Pat Harris** - **Town Clerk**
 0 Members of the public

149 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jonathan Waugh, Barbara Tansey, Peter Wadman, Doug Richards, Mark Boyce-Churn and John Chubb

150 Town Mayor's Announcements

There were no Town Mayor's announcements.

151 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

No Declarations of Interest were declared by Councillors Eyre, Bayliss, Hammond, Hill, O'Brien and Treacher. However, Councillor Kellermann raised an objection and wished it recorded for the Minutes: Given that not all councillors had been included in the selection process and recommending to Full Council the person to be appointed to the position of Town Clerk, he could not state whether he had an interest to declare or not.

152 Correspondence Received and Questions to the Council

An e-mail had been received from Mr. Tony Souter in advance of the meeting stating "In view of the current madness that's going on in the US, our Ukrainian guests really need our support once again. I hope you feel its an appropriate signal of that concern by striking the Ukrainian flag again the town and have their flag flying alongside the Union flag at The Cairn".

Councillors acknowledged receipt and requested that this be placed on the Agenda for Full Council on 9th April and Mr. Souter advised accordingly.

153 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillor Kellermann requested a recorded vote.

On the proposal of Councillor Eyre, seconded by Councillor Nick O'Brien, it was

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1, subsection 2, and, as per subsection 3A, where the public are excluded from a meeting of a relevant local government body under subsection (2), the body may also prevent any person from reporting on the meeting using methods-

- (a) which can be used without that person's presence at the meeting, and
- (b) which enable persons not present at the meeting to see or hear the proceedings at the meeting as it takes place or later.

In favour: Councillors Eyre, Bayliss, Hammond, Hill, O'Brien & Treacher
Against: Councillor Kellermann

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION154 **Recruitment: Appointment of a Town Clerk**

See confidential minute

The meeting closed at 7.38 pm