

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Extra-ordinary meeting held Thursday 20th April 2023 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr. Tyson in the chair, Cllrs. Lewis, Laycock, Walters, Bolland
Laing-Trengove, Reddaway, Entwistle, Holland, The Clerk, Dist.
Cllr.Kimber, approx 21 members of the public

**Declarations
of interest:** Cllr.Tyson – employee of WDBC

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Messrs. Richard Burrow. Ben Bailey and Dist.Cllr. Kimber gave a slide presentation on their ideas for the future of Hatherleigh Market with suggestions of a purchase framework for the Town Council – *a full copy of which is attached to these minutes for record purpose*

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HATHERLEIGH MARKET

401. Following the presentation Cllr.Tyson for the benefit of members of the public present gave a brief resume of how the Town Council had followed the progress of the building of the market and had tried to work alongside Paul Jones of Kingswood Homes. The Town Council had investigated the idea of a market lease and applied for grants to support this but Mr.Jones had made it clear that he did not wish to be involved with any negotiations with the Town Council but work with the market manager Mrs. D. Kimber.

402. Town Councillors raised the following points:-

a) the figure given for purchase of the market building/car park was quoted as £1million pounds – Messrs.Bailey and Burrow confirmed this figure came from Kingswood Homes.

403. Some councillors present expressed their anger and concern on the presentation

- following the council meeting on 11th April the market had already been made an agenda item for the AGM on 16th May
- it was asked what qualifications to produce such a detailed document did Messrs.Kimber, Burrow and Bailey have
- there were so many questions that needed to be clarified before any decision as to the way forward could be made
- The Clerk and RFO to the Council to protect the council would investigate
- whether the council could enter into a mortgage with a property development company and was there any ceiling figure for a public works board loan

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- Councillors resolved that no decision or expression of interest in the way forward indicated by the presentation could be made at the meeting tonight

404. There then followed views and questions from members of the public on the presentation – 5 people spoke David Birch, Ian Packer, Cindy Squire, Ben Whiting, Andy Gilbert.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Signed.....chair.....dated