

SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Full Council (remote meeting) held on Wednesday 10th November 2021
at 9.00pm-9.32pm

PRESENT

Councillors: S. Frobisher (Mayor), B. Murray, M. German, A. Tomlin, G. Percival, T. Flynn, L. Muraca, P. Penlington, J. Thompson-Hill, A. Sampson, T. Jones, K. Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Highfield – Town Clerk, Mrs L. Hewitt – Committee Support Assistant

APOLOGIES

Councillors: G. Sandilands, G. Frobisher, R Flynn, G Davies

120 PART 2

Cllr G. Percival proposed and Cllr A. Sampson seconded that the meeting with one urgent item "Staffing" be conducted as Part 2 item.

121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr N. Highfield declared personal interest and left the meeting

122 URGENT ITEM – Staffing

Following the resignation of Town Clerk, Mr N. Highfield, effective from 26th November 2021 Council discussed options open to them

Cllr J. Thompson-Hill offered four options

- Muddle through until a new Town Clerk is appointed
- Contact former Town Clerk, Mr N. Acott to fill in
- Use a locum from SLCC at the cost of £25-£40 per hour
- Use existing staff who are prepared to act up.

Several Councillors thought the professional option would be to ask the new Deputy Clerk, Ms Lisa Fearn to step up. Others were in favour of a more clinical approach and using locum services of the SLCC.

Cllr P. Duffy proposed the Deputy Clerk stepped up, seconded by Cllr B. Murray.

Cllr A. Sampson proposed an SLCC locum, seconded by Cllr L. Muraca.

A vote for an SLCC locum was taken

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
6	4	2

RESOLVED That SLCC be approached to provide a locum until new Town Clerk is appointed.

Mayor_____