

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

19:00 – 15th February 2021

Held remotely by video conferencing



Present:

Ms C Fagg (Chairman)
Ms L Anderson
Mr A Cartman
Mr C Cave
Mr J D'Alesio
Mr M Harris
Mr P Jackson (Vice Chairman)
Mr C James
Ms L Lansley
Ms R McAllister-Kemp
Ms J Purkiss
Mr A Wilkinson

Absent:

Ms C Sellars
Ms S Hardingham
Mr A Johnson
Mr S McQuillan

In attendance - The Clerk, Mr Scott Jacobs-Lange and seven members of the public.

Before the formal meeting a member of the public provided a statement on behalf of a group of residents expressing their views on the future of LACA.

C21.021 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Hardingham.

C21.022 Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

No interests were declared and no new dispensations were requested. It was noted that Cllr Cave has an existing dispensation allowing him to take part in discussions on items relating to LACA so that necessary information can be provided to the Council.

C21.022 Exclusion of the press and public

No items required the exclusion of the press and public.

C21.023 LACA. To consider a request from LACA to appoint two members to their Management Committee.

Following a question from a Cllr it was confirmed that, as detailed in the agenda, the PC was considering the appointments of two trustees to LACA whose nominations had been made by the LACA trustees. It was noted that if other nominations were to be considered another meeting would need to be called and that if the PC didn't agree to both nominations then LACA would be inquorate.

19.29 The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to respond to questions about their views on CIO status.

19.31 The meeting restarted.

Aware that there are a group of five ex-trustees that are interested in returning to LACA as trustees Councillors discussed the options available to them. It was noted that the appointment of other trustees could be considered at a later meeting but that if fewer than

two trustees were appointed at this meeting it would leave LACA inquorate until further trustees were appointed and that LACA had decisions that needed to be made in a short timescale. There was some concern raised that appointing two trustees at this time would preclude the appointment of five prospective trustees later. However, it was established that LACA could co-opt an additional three members onto their Management Committee. It was also noted that LACA was proposing changing their structure to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) or similar incorporated model so any appointments to the current unincorporated charity would only be for a short period. Further opportunities for members of the public to become trustees of LACA would be made available when conversion to the new incorporated charity was underway.

It was agreed to consider the appointments in the following order: firstly, to consider the nomination of Charles Cave (who is the PC's nominated trustee); secondly, to consider the appointment of Nigel Moorcroft; and, thirdly, to consider holding another meeting to consider additional trustees.

It was RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Charles Cave. Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Cartman, carried.

19.57 proposed by Cllr Wilkinson to exclude press and public due to sensitive information, agreed.

20.13 returned to open session.

It was RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Nigel Moorcroft, proposed by Cllr Cave, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, carried.

It was RESOLVED to hold a further meeting to consider appointing further trustees, proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Lansley carried.

It was noted that if there were no further nominations then a further meeting to resolve appointments would not be necessary. A proper process was needed to identify potential new trustees ahead of the new incorporated charity being formed.

Cllr Cartman asked it to be recorded that he felt rushed into a decision and believed that it would have been better to have appointed just one trustee and not voted on the second.

C21.024 Date of next meeting:

Monday 22nd March 2021 (next scheduled meeting).

There being no further business at 20.20 hours the Chairman closed the meeting.