MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ONLINE ON MONDAY 29th JUNE 2020

PRESENT: R TAPLIN (Town Mayor)
Councillors: G CAMPBELL; J HLADKIWSKYJ; C HYAMS; P IRVING; P MORGAN; Mrs M RADFORD; P ROUND; C THOMAS; Mrs S WILSON; G WILSON

Town Clerk: Ms V PRYCE

No members of the public were present

Action

20/89 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:
A Hooker – Other Commitment

20/90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None

20/91 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:
No members of the public were present.

20/92 BUSINESS REPORT:
Cllr S WILSON presented the paper to the Council regarding Millside Canoe Hire. The owner had previously written to Council to advise that he could not open his business due to Covid-19 restrictions. Cllrs S WILSON and Cllr G WILSON had subsequently met with the owner to oversee his operation to ensure that it could be carried out safely. The owner has subsequently written to the Council again with a revised risk assessment where he has demonstrated various measures that will be in place so that he can operate safely. He has advised that he will be limiting his operation to eight boats and has provided his insurance details. Cllr HLADKIWSKYJ advised that there were a lot of other people using kayaks and canoes and other users may wish to enter the river at the same point of the bank and wanted to ensure the operator is reminded it is not an exclusive launching spot for his business. Cllr HLADKIWSKYJ felt that as he was operating a commercial business that he should be making a payment to the Council on a weekly basis. Cllr S WILSON advised that a paper regarding the use of Council land would be presented to Council in due course. The MAYOR emphasised the positive impact on tourism with visitors using his service also using the Towns shops and other businesses. The MAYOR proposed that Millside Canoe Hire be allowed to restart from Queens Walk on 4th July, the majority were in favour and it was so **resolved.** The Clerk would write to Millside Canoes to advise the outcome. The Business Portfolio requested delegated powers to monitor the operation and ensure guidelines were adhered to and updated accordingly. Cllr HYAMS sought confirmation that the delegated power would be for this calendar year only which was confirmed by Cllr THOMAS. The MAYOR proposed that powers were delegated to the Business Portfolio as requested, all were in favour and it was so **resolved.**

Town Clerk

Business Portfolio

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

Signed:
Dated: