

Minutes of the **MEETING** of **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Lightfoot Centre, Kingsway, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2016** at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Brownson (Mayor) and Councillors Anderson, Fleming, Golightly, Lethbridge, Wilson, A Zair, L. Zair and S. Zair

**Also Present:** David Anderson (Town Clerk)

**TC.147/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Blackburn and Race

**TC.148/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised under this item.

**TC.149/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were submitted.

**TC.150/15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excluded the press and public for the remaining items on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

**TC.151/15 LIGHTFOOT INSTITUTE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk updating members on progress with the proposed purchase of the Lightfoot Institute. The report also sought appointment of a architectural practice in connection with the renovation of the building. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted that the quotations that had been received were set out in different format which made them very difficult to compare. It was suggested that delegated authority should be given to the Finance Committee to enable it to appoint an architectural practice at its meeting be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. In the meantime quotations would be sought in line with the RIBA Plan of Works so that a comparison of fees can be made.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the information be noted and actions endorsed.
  2. That delegated authority be given to the Finance Committee to appoint n architectural practice in relation to the purchase and renovation of Lightfoot Institute.
  3. That quotations be sought in line with the RIBA Plan of Works.

**Signed:** .....  
**Town Mayor**