

Minutes of the **MEETING of BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Wesley Room at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2017** at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Adam Zair (Mayor), and Councillors Joy Allen, Leanda Chappell, Jack Cullen, Dave Fleming, Tanya Tucker, David Wilson, , Lesley Zair and Sam Zair

Also Present: David Anderson (Town Clerk)

Public in Attendance: None

TC.47/17 MINUTES SILENCE

Members observed one minutes silence in respect of those who had been killed and injured at the London Bridge and Borough Market Terror attack which took place on 3rd June 2017.

Members’ thoughts were with the victims of the attack, their families and loved ones.

TC48/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lee Brownson

TC.49/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Allen declared an ‘other registerable interest’ in respect of Item No 4 – ‘Council Accommodation’ and took no part in the voting thereon.

TC.50/17 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.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

TC.51/17 COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk with regard to options for potential accommodation for the Council offices. (For copy see file of minutes).

Members considered in detail a risk assessment and financial appraisal for each property together with the recommendations of the Accommodation Committee made at its meeting held on 2nd June 2017.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the purchase of property No 1 as detailed in the report be pursued.
 2. That the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of Finance, negotiate on the asking price, which would be subject to survey and valuation.
 3. A further financial appraisal be submitted to Council for consideration prior to committing itself to the purchase.

Signed:
Town Mayor