

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Newent Town Council held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Mayor), E Wood, D Blick, Mrs M Duncan, Mrs K Draper, R Beard, V Vesma, Mrs S Marcovecchio, C Thomas, Mrs G Moseley, E Heathfield, Mrs C Howley

Also present – The Clerk and 1 member of the public

67.0 Apologies – Cllr Mrs Wadley

67.1 Declaration of Interests – None.

67.2 To consider proposal to purchase 1 and 2 Court Lane, Newent

A full report had been previously circulated and each Councillor was given the opportunity to express their views on the proposal. Some comments were raised regarding the valuation of the properties and the comparisons used.

A discussion took place regarding the layout of the premises and Cllr Wood suggested a design. The Clerk stated that the design had been considered along with another option, however, unfortunately they are not workable and the only suitable layout had been submitted in the report. Concerns were raised about the lack of storage if the Lodge is sold, that there is no parking on site and the asking price being higher than the valuation. Many positive comments were made including the property being in a town centre location, the building is very flexible and there would be an income from the flat.

Resolved: The Council makes an offer to purchase 1 and 2 Court Lane.

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, 11 in favour, 1 against.

Resolved: The Council seeks the Secretary of State's approval for borrowing, subject to the Council's offer being accepted. **Record of**

Voting: Proposed Cllr Vesma, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

Resolved: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the offer price as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, 11 in favour, 1 against.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.14 pm.