

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

2nd December 2020

An Extraordinary meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held via Microsoft Teams, on Wednesday, 2nd December 2020.

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor J. Tandy)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W.J. Hancox)

Councillors J.B. Beaumont, K. Brindley-Edwards, D. Brown, S. Croft, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P.M. Elliott, K. Evans, D. Gissane, J. Glass, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, L. Hocking, J.A. Jackson, K.A. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, I.K. Lloyd, B.J. Longden, B. Pandher, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, R. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley C. Watkins and K.D. Wilson.

CL29 Declaration of Interests

Councillor J. Sheppard highlighted that her dispensation to speak and vote on any matters related to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre was in the wrong place in the table;

Councillor Phillips requested that reference to “Non-Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited” be removed from his ‘Other Personal Interests’;

Councillor Golby requested that IPT Administration Manager be removed from her ‘Disclosable Pecuniary Interest’; and

Councillor J. Sargeant informed Members that she is a member of the Senior Leadership Team for Life which has a business in Nuneaton town centre.

RESOLVED that the Declaration of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes, with the amendments above.

CL30 Notice of Motion – Additional Restriction Grant Policy Proposals

In accordance with Procedure Rule Part 4.3.1(d) of the Council’s Constitution, the Head of Paid Service requested the calling of an Extraordinary Meeting following a requisition from Councillors K. Wilson, C. Golby, D. Gissane, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, K. Brindley-Edwards, R. Smith, K. Evans, B. Pandher, A. Llewellyn-Nash, S. Croft, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant, D. Brown, R. Tromans and H. Walmsley to consider the following motion:

“We submit a request for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council to be called to consider the following motion:

That Council requests that Cabinet amend the Additional Restrictions Grant policy to include the following proposals:

- a) That free car parking is provided in the town centres every day for the remainder of December and the month of January 2020 at a cost of £263k

- b) That a rent-free period for regular/invoiced market traders, and a period of 50% rent discount for casual/irregular market traders, be introduced for the month of December 2020, and that this scheme be tapered through the first two months of 2021, as detailed below, at a total cost of £55k
 - a. December - regular traders 100% discount/casual traders 50% discount
 - b. January - regular traders 50% discount/casual traders 25% discount
 - c. February - regular traders 25% discount/casual traders 12.5% discount
- c) That a scheme for rent reduction (by application) be introduced for SME tenants of council properties in the town centres from December 2020 to February 2021. The reduction would be 50% for the month of December, 40% for January and 30% for February and would cost £62k in total.

The council also requests that the total cost of £380,000 for this proposal be funded from the grant allocated to the Council for awarding Additional Restrictions Grants.

Councillor K. Wilson proposed the motion and this was seconded by Councillor S. Croft.

Councillor J. Jackson proposed the following amendment:

"That Council requests Cabinet look again at the Additional Restrictions Grant Policy to see whether periods of free parking may be possible once we have emerged from tier 3"

Councillor I. Lloyd seconded the amendment.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment, as follows:

For: Councillors J. Beaumont, G. Daffern, S. Doughty, P. Elliott, J. Glass, W.J. Hancox, L. Hocking, J. Jackson, I. Lloyd, B. Longden, N.J. Phillips, G. Pomfrett, M. Rudkin, , J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, J. Tandy, C. Watkins

Against: Councillors K. Brindley-Edwards, D. Brown, S. Croft, K. Evans, D. Gissane, C. Golby, S. Gran, J. Gutteridge, K. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Pandher, A. Sargeant, J. Sargeant R. Smith, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley, K. Wilson

Upon the Mayor using her casting vote the amendment was carried.

A vote was taken was Councillor Jackson's motion.

Councillors K. Evans, C. Golby, J. Gutteridge, A. Llewellyn-Nash, R. Tromans, H. Walmsley, and K. Wilson requested that their vote be recorded in the minutes.

Councillor K. Evans; C. Golby; J. Gutteridge; A. Llewellyn-Nash; R. Tromans; H. Walmsley; & K. Wilson voted against the motion.

Upon the Mayor using her casting vote the amendment was carried.

The motion was carried.

RESOLVED That Council requests Cabinet look again at the Additional Restrictions Grant Policy to see whether periods of free parking may be possible once we have emerged from tier 3

(Mayor)