

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL****Minutes of the Bridgnorth Extraordinary Town Council Meeting held in the Annexe, College House  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 6.45pm.**

**Present:** R Connolly (Mayor)  
I Wellings (Deputy Mayor)  
C Aked  
C Baines MBE  
S Barlow  
J Buckley  
A Chetter  
E Marshall  
L Neal  
L Rochelle  
K Sawbridge BEM  
R Seabright

**In Attendance:** Mrs C Turner, Town Clerk

0065/2324 **WELCOME**

The Mayor issued a welcome to the meeting.

The Mayor informed that Councillor S Barlow would be attending the meeting but would be late arriving.

0066/2324 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was proposed by Councillor A Chetter, seconded by Councillor C Baines  
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

**RESOLVED:** that the Committee accept the apologies and reasons for absence for the following Councillors:

D Cooper - Other Commitment  
N Cooper - Other Commitment  
R Ireland – Other Commitment

The Mayor informed all Members that Councillor D Cooper would be joining the meeting via Teams and would be doing this to enable him to provide an update and answer any questions raised by those attending the meeting, but would be unable to vote on anything within this meeting.

Proposed by Councillor R Connolly, seconded by Councillor Rachel Seabright  
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

**RESOLVED:** to agree for Councillor D Cooper to join the meeting via team to enable him to provide an update and answer any questions raise but would not have any voting rights within this meeting.

0067/2324 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

**0068/2324 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

**0069/2324 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

There were no members questions raised.

**0070/2324 BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

The Mayor asked Councillor D Cooper to provide a verbal update on the reports provided regarding the proposals set out in the LGBCE's provisional proposals for revising Shropshire Council's ward boundaries.

Councillor J Buckley entered the meeting.

Councillor S Barlow entered the meeting.

Members received the report and verbal update from Councillor D Cooper providing the recommendations from the Working Group to be considered as the response from Bridgnorth Town Council to the LGBCE's consultation, this included the reasons for the recommendations and review process the Working Group had followed. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions relating to this recommendation and debated at length the proposal and options for the Town Council.

Members debated at length the recommendations provided from the LGBCE's provisional proposals and report regarding their proposed changes and the rationale behind these recommendations for revising Shropshire Council's ward boundaries.

Proposed by Councillor R Seabright, seconded by Councillor S Barlow to accept the proposals as set out in the LGBCE's provisional proposals for revising Shropshire Council's ward boundaries as the response from Bridgnorth Town Council to the LGBCE's consultation.

There was a counter proposal put forward by Councillor E Marshall, seconded by Councillor L Rochelle to accept the recommendations within the report provided by Councillor D Cooper as the response from Bridgnorth Town Council to the LGBCE's consultation.

Councillor E Marshall asked the Town Clerk for a recorded vote.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the counter proposal put forward from Councillor E Marshall and seconded by Councillor L Rochelle would be voted on first and confirmed that the process would be that if this was not carried forward then a second vote would take place for the original proposal made by Councillor R Seabright, seconded by Councillor S Barlow.

Proposed by Councillor E Marshall, seconded by Councillor L Rochelle  
The proposal put forward was to accept the recommendations within the report provided by Councillor D Cooper as the response from Bridgnorth Town Council to the LGBCE's consultation.

Recorded vote as

For - Councillors C Baines, E Marshall and L Rochelle



Against – Councillors R Connolly, I Wellings, C Aked, S Barlow, J Buckley, L Neal and R Seabright

Abstained – Councillors A Chetter and K Sawbridge

The vote result was For 3, Against 7 and Abstained 2. Total of 12 votes

The proposal had a majority of Against and therefore did not stand.

Proposed by Councillor R Seabright, seconded by Councillor S Barlow to accept the proposals as set out in the LGBCE's provisional proposals for revising Shropshire Council's ward boundaries as the response from Bridgnorth Town Council to the LGBCE's consultation.

Recorded vote as

For – Councillors R Connolly, I Wellings, C Aked, S Barlow, J Buckley, L Neal and R Seabright

Against - Councillors C Baines, E Marshall and L Rochelle

Abstained – Councillors A Chetter and K Sawbridge

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**RESOLVED:** to accept the proposals as set out in the LGBCE's provisional proposals for revising Shropshire Council's ward boundaries as the response from Bridgnorth Town Council to the LGBCE's consultation.

The Town Clerk was asked to note in a thank you for Councillors Marshall and D Cooper for all their time, effort and work in completing the boundary review.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm.