

Deviock Parish Council

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MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of DEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL held at the METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN ROAD, DONDERRY at 1pm on Wednesday 27th October 2021

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Mr. M. Gibbons (Chair), Donderry Ward
Mr. J. Candy, Seaton Ward
Mrs. A. Thorpe, Hessenford Ward
Mrs. A. Robinson, Hessenford Ward
Mr. D. Cormack, Hessenford Ward
Mr. J. Croft, Seaton Ward
Mr. M. Wiseman, Donderry Ward
Karen Pugh (Parish Clerk)

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 1.1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None were received.
- 1.2. To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
None were received.
- 1.3. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
None were granted.

2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Millidge (holiday). No apologies received from Cllrs H Brockbank and S England.
Acceptance for apologies for absence was **proposed** by the Chair, **seconded** by Cllr J Candy and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

3. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) 1960, the Council excludes the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
The Chair **resolved** to exclude the public. This was **seconded** by Cllr A Thorpe and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

- 4.1. To approve the Minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 25th October
Approval of the Minutes was **proposed** by Cllr D Cormack, **seconded** by Cllr J Croft and **agreed** by the meeting. There was one abstention.
- 4.2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
There were no matters arising.

5. RATIFY DECISION TAKEN AT THE MEETING ON MONDAY 25th OCTOBER

- 5.1. **Ratify bid or offer on land of up to £40,000 from reserves**
Proposed by Cllr J Candy, **seconded** by Cllr M Wiseman and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.
- 5.2. **Ratify payment of agreed associated costs of £10,000**
Proposed by Cllr A Thorpe, **seconded** by Cllr J Croft and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

5.3. To discuss any urgent business since Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 25th October

The Chair advised that the auction date had been moved back by one week to Thursday 4th November. He also updated Councillors with progress of the campaign, including local news coverage, crowdfunding and donations pledged.

Two courses of action were possible: continue to campaign and go to auction, concentrating on Lot 1 (but including Lot 2 if funds were available); or make an advanced offer on both Lots (as indicated by Stags).

Auction: Councillors discussed that if successful in purchasing Lot 1 and a bid made on Lot 2, up to an additional £5,000 from reserves should be made available to cover increased auction and legal costs. This was **proposed** by Cllr J Candy, **seconded** by Cllr M Wiseman and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

Advanced offer: Councillors discussed offer amount and when to offer in advance of the auction, should this be the preferred option. They were in agreement that given the risk of developers attending the auction, the Parish Council should proceed with an advanced offer.

After discussion of progress with crowdfunding and guaranteed donations to date and clarifying costs, Cllr Candy **proposed** that an initial formal offer of £60,000 total for both Lots should be made within the next two days, which equated to the lower guide price. (Any increases after this would remain as previously ratified - no more than £40,000 from reserves.) This was **seconded** by Cllr D Cormack and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

It was agreed that a further Extraordinary Meeting would be required, should an offer be accepted and to ratify any further business relating to a sale (such as contracts). The Clerk was requested to publish an Agenda for Wednesday 3rd November.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2.15pm.