

MINUTES of the Meeting of the HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
 held at
The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich
 on **Monday 5th March 2018 at 12.00pm**

Present:	Councillors B Brown, Calver, Fay, Fowler, I Henderson, J Henderson, McLeod, Morrison, and C Powell,
In the Chair:	Councillor J Brown
Clerk:	Ms Lucy Ballard
Also present:	1 member of the public, 0 members of the press

The Chairman informed members that since it was usual practice to include public questions in a meeting, that he would permit this should any member of the viewing public wish to ask a question.

144/17	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs Ashley, F Powell, Smith, Struth, Todd and Urwin
145/17	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None
146/17	<u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</u> Cheryl Thompson, resident of Dovercourt, referred to the grant application on the agenda from the Mayflower Heritage Centre. She asked members to consider the application carefully and whether it will be viable. She referred to previous monies having been expended by the Harwich Mayflower Project and asked what it has to show for it. She also asked if Council knew how many volunteers they had to make this a viable project. She referred to some information sought from Companies House and also felt that there was already a disabled toilet facility at the site of the Heritage Centre.
147/17	<u>HARWICH MAYFLOWER HERITAGE CENTRE</u> Members considered a grant application for the installation of an accessible toilet and baby changing facilities at the Heritage centre. The Chairman asked the Clerk if she had any information on the application and the Clerk confirmed that the applicant was listed on Companies House as a Private Limited Company and wasn't registered with the Charities Commission. Cllr McLeod asked if a precedent has been set to award grants to companies. Cllr Brown felt there wasn't. Cllr C Powell suggested that since there were inconsistencies in the application, consideration is deferred to enable further investigation. RESOLVED: To defer consideration of this item to enable the Clerk to conduct further enquiries.

148/17	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u> Exclusion of Public and Press</p> <p>Pursuant to Sub-Section 2 of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting was closed to the press and public for the transaction of the under-mentioned business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas Boiler Works
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The Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 12.12pm

CHAIRMAN

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