

MELTON MOWBRAY TOWN ESTATE

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023 HELD IN ROOM 4, MARY'S PLACE, BURTON STREET MELTON MOWBRAY, at 6.30pm.

Present: Chairman: Mr. G. Bett
Senior Townwarden Mr. T. Webster
Junior Townwarden: Mr. E. Tindall
Feoffees: Mrs. A. Holland, Mrs. H. Misiuda
Mr. R. Sage, Mr. D. Whitehouse
Mr. P. Roffey, Mr. M. Davies
Mr. K. Hallam, Mrs. A. D'Angelo
Mrs. J. Palmer

Minute Secretary:

5 members of the public

1 Welcome

Mr. Bett, the Chairman of the Board, welcomed all to the meeting and introduced himself. He explained that the meeting had been called solely to consider the appointment of the auditors for the Town Estate.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mr. Paul Southerington, and Feoffees Mrs. D. Hickling and Mr. I. Neale.

3 Appointment of Auditors (Malcolm Davies, Chair of Finance & Property Committee)

Mr. Davies explained that he had sought quotations from five local companies that dealt with charity accounts, and had received three responses.

The Finance and Property Committee recommendation was that TC Group, the current auditors, be appointed for the current year and a further two years at a cost of £5,000 + VAT per annum. This price was the most competitive.

Mr. Stevens (LE13 1JT) asked if the Town Estate was a charity and if VAT was applicable. He also asked why this meeting was being held. Mr. Davies confirmed that VAT was payable. Mr. Bett explained that at the Town Meeting in October 2022 the selection of auditors had not been completed, and that Mr. Neale (Feoffee) had suggested the Feoffees had a Special Town Meeting when the process had been completed so that the townspeople could vote. Mr. Davies explained that in the

Town Estate Scheme of Arrangement the TE was required to follow certain protocols.

Mr. Stevens further asked why the auditors had not been chosen in time for the meeting in October, with Mr. Bett saying that the Chair had resigned on 21st September and the CEO had been on long term sick leave at the time. Mr. Stevens suggested that if there was an audit committee then that should be able to continue without a chair.

All were in favour of TC Group being appointed.

4 Close of Meeting

Cllr. Carter, saying he was speaking on behalf of Melton Borough Council, wanted to speak about Chapel Street; Mr. Bett offered to speak to him on another occasion as this meeting was strictly for the appointment of auditors.

Mr. Bett thanked all for their attendance, and the meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____