



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Hall Committee Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday October 17th, 2019 at Eye Town Hall

Persons present Cllrs Byles (Chair), Smith, Blake and Hudson (Mayor)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Berry
2. **Bookings of the Town Hall** – the Chair reported these were good and that our financial targets will be met this year.
3. **An audio system for the Townhall** – the Chair reported that the audio system had arrived and had been checked by an Eye resident who is an audio engineer who confirmed it may be used for both meetings in the Hall and Council chamber. The Chair needs to order another electric lead, a stand for the amplifier and possibly a stand for one microphone.
4. **Relations with our neighbours *****
5. **New contract for electricity at the Town Hall** – unanimously resolved to accept the offer of a new contract from SSE but noted that the electricity bill will increase by 16 per cent.
6. **The offer of a piano for the Town Hall** – unanimously resolved to decline the offer with thanks and to inform the Eye resident that Wortham Parish Church are looking for a piano and would pay transportation costs.
7. **Rest centre training at the Town Hall on 27th January.** All the Committee members present wish to attend and thought it sounded like a good training event.
8. **Tables in the Council chamber** – Cllr Smith confirmed the legs of the tables can be unscrewed and the tables taken down the stairs of the Town Hall. The Chair will investigate selling the tables at Gazes, to the Queens Head PH, to Eye Abbey Hall or on ebay. Cllr Smith has offered to store them on a temporary basis in his storeroom
9. **Lights in the Council chamber-** the Chair reported she was waiting to hear from the preferred contractor with a price. If nothing has been heard by the next meeting the Committee will go out to tender rather than use our preferred contractor. Cllr Smith pointed out that the caretaker should fix the light casing on one of the lights in the Council chamber.
10. **Profits from the Horkey** – approximately £500. The Committee agreed they could be spent on a new dishwasher possibly to go in the kitchen or in the coffee bar area. The Chair to investigate.
11. **AOB-** The Chair will check to see whether the fire precautions report needs updating and it was agreed a new line was needed in the Town Hall budget next year to cover

any stricter fire precautions required by law following publication of the Grenfell fire investigations.

Resolutions to Eye Town Council

1. To note the Minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 17th October
2. Resolution to Eye Town Council to enter into a contract with SSE for the provision of electricity to Eye Town Hall from 01 August 2020 to 30th September 2022 for an initial estimated annual spend of £936 per annum.

Exclusion of Press and Public

(LGA 1972, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Section 100A(4). To consider whether under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and indicated against each item marked***