

**AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE  
COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE GUILDHALL ON TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 3.00 P.M.**

1. PRESENT: Cllr. P.G. Hayward (Vice-chairman), Cllr. D.R.H. Hull, (for part of the meeting) and Cllr. A.L. Young, the Town Clerk No members of the press or the public.

2. APOLOGIES : Cllrs. G.S. Godbeer (Chairman), A.T. Moulding ,A.E.J. Seward J.W. Walden, The Deputy Town Clerk (Mrs. Z. Adamson-Drage).

3. PUBLIC FORUM: none.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY: the lock on the toilet at the Arts Cafe had been vandalised. Authority was given to the Town Clerk to arrange appropriate remedial action..

Cllr Young proposed that under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings ) Act 1960, (as amended by the Local Government Act 1972 the public, (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Agreed.

5 PROPOSED GARDEN AREA TO BE LICENSED TO TENANT FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CAFE BUSINESS: the Town Clerk explained what interim arrangements were in operation and it was noted that the previous tenants had not had a licence but that the legal advice was that this would be a prudent measure to put in place.

Following discussion the proposed area for use in conjunction with the cafe business was agreed and will be incorporated into a formal legal agreement with the tenants covering related matters as well.

It was agreed that the remainder of the garden be available to the public to use and bring their own food should they so wish.

The tables will be removed from those parts of the garden which are not covered by the licence.

Clarification will be sought from the tenants regarding their proposals for the cafe and it was agreed that on a limited number of occasions and only with prior agreement that public access to the garden be restricted to accommodate private functions.

A notice will be drafted for the gate which sets out access information.

Signed ..... Date .....