

COMMUNITY & CIVIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
22nd June 2021

Present: Chairman: Councillor East
Mayor: Councillor Gay

Councillors: Bridewell Burton Geddes
Hopkins Hunter Nash
Oliver Parsons Rose

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: Yes

109. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June had been circulated to all Members. Councillor Wallis disputed minute number 53 and requested that the proposition be expanded.

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Oliver and AGREED

THAT the proposition be amended to state

THAT Sovereign Housing should be invited to attend an urgent meeting with the Town Council to discuss the situation, with assurances obtained that:

- a) all residents would be offered comparable accommodation;*
- b) if the properties are to be refurbished and sold, a proportion would be retained as social housing,*
- c) that Sovereign commit to include further investment in social housing not just in Devizes but with the town centre.*

following this amendment, the minutes were signed as approved.

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Corbett.

111. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None were disclosed.

112. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were several residents of Snuff Court present for the discussion of the additional agenda item. Accordingly, the Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda, to be the first matter to be discussed.

113. FOR DECISION – SOVEREIGN HOUSING WORKING PARTY

Councillor Nash proposed, Councillor Rose seconded and members
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a working party would be set up to enter into discussions with Sovereign Housing concerning Snuff Court, consisting of five members, being Councillors Wallis, Rose, Hopkins, Gay and Parsons, and if unable to attend the meeting with Sovereign Housing, those members should appoint a deputy to attend in their place.

Residents addressed the meeting to update Councillors on recent developments they considered to be unacceptable and possibly unlawful.

It was proposed by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Oliver and
AGREED

THAT the Committee was not content with only a virtual meeting, and would press Sovereign Housing to attend a meeting of the Council as a follow up to the working party's virtual meeting.

114. FOR DECISION – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THOSE WHO PROVIDED SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Following much discussion and many suggestions, it was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Gay and AGREED

THAT a small working party would be established to consider in addition to a commemorative plaque on the Fountain all options and their feasibility, reporting back to the Committee for decision, and that working party would consist of Councillors Rose, Burton, Hunter and Gay.

115. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Nash asked for clarification of expectation on the use of Civic regalia.

Officers confirmed that scrutiny and clarification of the use of regalia, including informal customs and practices, would form part of the review of policy on dress code that has already been determined.

CHAIRMAN