

## Didcot Town Council

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# Extra Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm  
Main Hall, Didcot Civic Hall



## Minutes

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a true and correct record by the next meeting of the Council.

### PRESENT

Councillors:

M Khan (Mayor)	J Moody
P Siggers (Deputy Mayor)	M Mallows
D Macdonald (Leader)	D Rouane
A Dearlove	A Thompson
P Davies (remote)	C Wilson
P Giesberg	
V Haval	
E Hards	
A Hudson	
A Macdonald	

Presentations:

Mr Craig Mulhall – MLC Leisure Consultancy (MLC)

Ms Lisa Forsyth – Max Associates

Officers:

Janet Wheeler - Town Clerk

### 57. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Sandiford; M Walsh; M McNeill; D Chandran; B Service and J Durman.

### 58. To receive declarations of interests

There was a declaration from Cllr V Haval who was associated through the Ladygrove Residents Association regarding with an expression of interest in the

Willowbrook Leisure Centre. The interest was not pecuniary and there were no other declarations.

**59. To approve a return to face-to-face meetings**

It was proposed by Cllr D Macdonald and seconded by Cllr J Moody and RESOLVED to return to face to face meetings from the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 full Council meeting. This would include all standing Committee meetings. For meetings of advisory and working groups it would be down to the members of each group to meet in the most convenient way. There were reservations on sharing microphones and the Town Clerk was asked to look to purchase more if needed. Members would be asked to have a lateral flow test on the day of the meeting and not to attend if testing positive or feeling unwell. The vote was unanimous.

**60. To approve the recommendation to replace the LED lighting in the main hall at Willowbrook Leisure Centre.**

It was proposed by Cllr P Siggers and seconded by Cllr J Moody and RESOLVED to prioritise the replacement of the LED lights in the main hall of the Willowbrook Leisure Centre. It was RESOLVED to award the contract to E-light UK Ltd for the sum of £12,776 + VAT. The vote was unanimous.

(Cllr P Davies left the meeting)

It was proposed by Cllr M Khan and seconded by Cllr J Moody and RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to allow the two guests to make their presentation.

The first presentation was from Mr Craig Mulhall of Mulhall Leisure Consultancy – MLC. The second presentation was from Ms Lisa Forsyth of Max Associates. Both companies were given up to thirty minutes to give an overview of their proposals. Time was also allowed for members to ask questions.

Standing orders were reinstated.

**61. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960 the committee will be asked to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

**62. To review the responses to the tender on Contracts Finder with the aim of making an appointment**

Cllr M Khan gave an overview of all the responses from the tender. The Members debated the two proposals heard earlier in the evening. It was proposed by Cllr J

Moody and seconded by Cllr D Macdonald to appoint the Mulhall Leisure Consultancy.

Cllr D Rouane proposed an amendment which was rejected as being an incorrect amendment as it reversed the proposal.

**A recorded vote was requested:**

	For	Against	Abstention
Cllr J Durman	-	-	-
Cllr P Davies	-	-	-
Cllr A Dearlove		X	
Cllr P Giesberg		X	
Cllr E Hards	X		
Cllr B Service	-	-	-
Cllr V Haval		X	
Cllr D Chandran	-	-	-
Cllr A Hudson		X	
Cllr M Khan	X		
Cllr A Macdonald	X		
Cllr D Macdonald	X		
Cllr M Mallows		X	
Cllr M McNeill	-	-	-
Cllr J Moody	X		
Cllr D Rouane		X	
Cllr A Sandiford	-	-	-
Cllr P Siggers	X		
Cllr A Thompson		X	
Cllr M Walsh	-	-	-
Cllr C Wilson	X		

The vote was equal at 7 votes in favour; 7 votes against. The Mayor used his casting vote to appoint Mulhall Leisure Consultancy.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Signed:

(Mayor)

Date: