

COUNCILLOR BARBARA ASHWORTH, MAYOR

MINUTES OF: THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE

Date of Meeting: 18th March 2020

**PRESENT: The Mayor Councillor Ashworth (in the Chair)
Councillors A. Barnes, Brennan, Cheetham, James Eaton, Janet Eaton, Essex, Fletcher, Gill, Haslam-Jones, Johnson, Kempson, Kenyon, Lythgoe, MacNae, Neal, Oakes, Pendlebury, Powell, Procter, Roberts, Serridge, Stansfield, Steen, and Walmsley.**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Neil Shaw, Chief Executive
Clare Birtwistle, Legal Services Manager (Monitoring Officer)
Cath Burns, Director of Economic Development
Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager
Abigail Wrench, Legal Officer
George Taylor, Mayor's Attendant**

ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public

A short silence was held as a mark of respect for former councillor and Honorary Alderman Eileen Kershaw.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors Adshead, Aldred, L.Barnes, Bromley, Farrington, Haworth, Hughes, Kostyan, Marriott, Morris and Stevens.

2. Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2020 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

3. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Communications from the Mayor, the Leader or Head of Paid Service.

The Leader of the Council thanked members for attending the meeting, over the last week the Chief Executive and senior officers had been working to ensure business and services were maintained as the coronavirus situation changed. The Chief Executive would be providing members with an update after the meeting outlining what was happening including implications for residents and businesses.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

6. Use of CPO powers in order to facilitate the delivery of housing development of the site at Sunnyside Works Whitworth

The Council considered the Use of CPO powers report, which was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Councillor Walmsley.

In response to questions from members it was confirmed that:

- Risks were outlined in the report.
- There was an estimated £60k for legal costs, valuation and a small contingency, which was part of the indemnity.
- The figures were based on the valuations received with a view to progress the CPO. The indemnity would forward fund and if costs increased the indemnity agreement would allow the Council to seek further funds from the developer.

Resolved:

1. Council authorise the making of the “Borough of Rossendale (Sunnyside Works, Market Street, Whitworth) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020” utilising powers contained in Section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
2. That the Director of Economic Development and the Monitoring Officer be authorised to undertake all necessary procedures and associated action in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order including defending or settling claims referred to in the Lands Tribunal and for applications to the courts and any appeals and to appoint external professionals to facilitate the making and settling of the CPO.

Reason for Decision

To assist in the economic regeneration of the area for the specific benefit of residents within this locality. The scheme will directly contribute to the Council’s corporate priorities by regenerating and improving the physical environment in that area and by bringing forward an underutilised site.

Alternative Options Considered

None.

(The meeting commenced at 6.35pm and concluded at 6.47pm)

Signed.....
(Chair)

Date