



**MINUTES OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL'S
ACQUISITION AND COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 15 MARCH AT 2.00PM
USING THE ZOOM VIDEO MEETING FACILITY AND STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE**

Present: Cllrs Phil Jordan (Chair), Diana Conyers, Michael Lilley, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley, Henry Adams

In Attendance: Jon Baker(Committee Coordinator), Liz Dutton (Minutes), Allan Bridges (Business Development Manager) Chris Turvey (Planning Clerk), Lisa Dyer (Clerk)

The Chairman wished to place on record the recent sad loss of Councillor Adrian Axford and the contribution he had made over the years as a Town Councillor to the Ryde community. He will be missed and the Chairman wished to pass on his condolences to his family at this very difficult time.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions had been received.

14/21 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

15/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received at this time.

16/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none received.

17/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 January 2021 were reviewed.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

18/21 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

No questions were received.

19/21 RYDE HARBOUR AND REVISED BUSINESS PLAN

Consideration was given to the report and decision of the IWC's cabinet meeting held on 11 March. This meeting had confirmed RTC to be a special purchaser in relation to the purchase of the Harbour and 2 parcels of surrounding land following the submission of a business case by the Town Council last year.

Members expressed concern over the length of time the purchase and handover was taking and recognised any delay in transferring the land to RTC would have detrimental impact on the income potential as detailed in the business plan. It was noted that improvements would need to be made to the harbour office and facilities. Concern was also raised that dredging was needed to be undertaken to get back to the levels reported in the dredging survey commissioned last year. RTC agreed to fund half the cost (up to a maximum of £7,500) for a valuation survey on condition that any amount paid would be reimbursed should the purchase to RTC not proceed for any reason.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the Chief Executive of IWC to include these points and to seek agreement that if a transfer was not completed by 1 April this year that arrangements would be made to allow RTC to move forward with the income generating proposals as set out in the revised business plan so that the Town Council would not be financially disadvantaged by the delay of the transfer being completed. The revised business plan was noted.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to IWC to confirm RTC would pay half the valuation costs, that agreement would be sought to allow RTC to proceed with income generation proposals, that IWC would cover costs relating to dredging and that special purchaser status was retained.

20/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed