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Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of Whitland Town Council held, via Zoom, on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 730pm.

This meeting was open to members of the public.

Present: Cllrs J Davies-Scourfield, L Shipton, M McDowell, R Hughes, B Chapmen, J Dobson, J Blandford and R Davies

Also present – The Clerk

Meeting commenced – 19.37

- 2021/11 EM 145** **To accept Apologies for Absence** Cllrs F Scourfield, N West, J Jones, E Eynon and F Conner-Hughes
- 2021/11 EM 146** **To Receive any Personal and Prejudicial Declaration of Interests** - None
- 2021/11 EM 147** **To consider the Whitland Town Council's response to the recent events in St Marys Street, Whitland. 26.11.2021 and 27.11.2021**

All Councillors confirmed that they had received a copy of the draft document containing information relating to the incident at St Mary's Street on the 26.11.2021 and 27.11.2021 hereafter referred to as the 'Press Release'

Cllr Blandford proposed that the Press Release be forwarded to the Tenby Observer for inclusion in the next edition and that it is also published on the Whitland Town Council's website with a link to such on Facebook; Cllr McDowell seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

Meeting closed 19.49

Press Release approved –

At 3.20 pm Friday 26th November 2021 Whitland Town Councillors were advised that the fencing along St Mary's Street had, in one area, been blown down onto the pavement by the high winds. Residents had already alerted the fire service via 999. Councillors that were already on site ensured that no persons were injured nor in need of medical attention.

The Clerk was contacted who, in turn, left messages with the County Councillor and Land Owners Agent advising of the ongoing situation.

The site owner's contractor and Carmarthenshire County Council attended to the loose fence panels.

Unfortunately, in the early hours of the 27th November 2021 another portion of the fence had blown down and further panels had blown into the road. The fire service was on site and, under challenging weather conditions, attended to the loose panels.

Whitland Town Council, within the past year has, via voluminous Emails, advised the Carmarthenshire County Council of its concerns regarding the fence and the safety of the residents of Whitland, providing an independent health and safety report. Carmarthenshire County Council advised that, at that point in time, they did not consider there were any health and safety implications.

The Whitland Town Council are pleased to advise that no persons were injured nor personal property damaged.

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