ADDITIONAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Additional Full Council Meeting of Newhaven Town Council
held at Meeching Hall, 2 Fort Road, Newhaven
on **Tuesday November 10th 2026** at **7.15pm**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Mark Wardle	(Town Mayor/Chair)
Krissy Taylor	(Dep. Town Mayor/Vice Chair)
Kim Bishop	
Lesley Boniface	
James Harrison	
Jan Woodling	
Pinky McLean-Knight	
Michael Young	
Jo Pettitt	
Julie Carr	
Graham Amy	
Corina Watts	
Shaun Boniface	
Sarah Hale	

ALSO ATTENDING:

Ken Dry (Town Clerk)
Stephen Honey (Executive Officer)
Alison Campbell (RFO) (On-Line)
Mr. C. Lawson (Lawson Commercial)
x10 Members of the Public
x3 Members of the Public (On-Line)

C048/26 The Chair opened the meeting and stated that the meeting was being recorded and that the recording would be made publicly available on the Newhaven Town Council website for 28 days followed by its removal and deletion.

C049/26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs Saunders, Chapman and Cook.

C050/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA, AND WHETHER THE COUNCILLOR REGARDS THEIR INTEREST AS PREJUDICIAL UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

None declared.

C051/26 **TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026 ARE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING.**

RESOLVED:
That those minutes be signed by the Chair as a true record of the proceedings.

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C052/26 **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

None received.

C053/26 **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION BY MR. C. LAWSON (LAWSON COMMERCIAL LTD.,) REGARDING PURCHASE BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF MEECHING HALL, FORT ROAD, NEWHAVEN, BN9 9QQ.**

Mr. Lawson provided an oral summary of his report (Appendix 1 of Agenda Item/Report 6 of this Agenda) to the meeting as well as a precise of the number of viewings the building had received to date. He then informed the meeting of a very late Bid/Offer from another party (Mr. Hussein) of £220K for building use as a potential Womens Refuge.

Note for the Town Clerk: The aforemtioned offer from Mr. Hussein was not considered within the report(s) nor at this meeting due to its extreme lateness of submission.

The Council thanked Mr. Lawson for his report and his work to date.

C054/26 **TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL EVALUATION OF THOSE BIDS IN RESPECT OF MEECHING HALL, FORT ROAD, NEWHAVEN. BN9 9QQ AND TO SELECT A PREFERRED BIDDER FOR PROGRESS TO A SALES CONTRACT NEGOTIATION AND SALE WHERE AGREED - REPORT BY THE TOWN CLERK.**

The Town Clerk summarised his report.

Cllr. Pettitt,
PROPOSED that the Town Council progresses Sales Contract negotiations with Bidder 1, (The Redeemed Christian Church of God (Seaford)) with a view to sale as agreed.

This was **SECONDED** by Cllr. L. Boniface, and following a majority vote in favour (13 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention), it was

RESOLVED that the Town Council progresses Sales Contract negotiations with Bidder 1, (The Redeemed Christian Church of God (Seaford)) with a view to sale as agreed.

Further discussion took place, surrounding the potential issue of a possible failed negotiation with Bidder 1. The Town Clerk reiterated that from the information at hand and reported to this meeting, the Bid from The Redeemed Christian Church of God (Seaford) presented the least risk of failure in achieving a sale compared to the other bids.

The Town Clerk then informed the meeting of the Councils Standing Orders (7a & b) which facilitated the reversal of a Resolution of less than 6 months, by a special motion in writing from at least 9 councillors, or, in pursuance to the recommendation of a committee.

Such action could reverse the aforementioned resolution should that sales negotiation fail, thereby facilitating the councils choice of one of the other bidders to enter into sales negotiations with.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Date: …… ……
Town Mayor

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