

NEWBOTTLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Andrew Woods; Councillors Linda Baker, Andrea Gladden, Michael Loggin and Diana Sheasby.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and four members of the public.

APOLOGIES: None

Councillor Richard Bland was not present.

85/20 Declaration of Interests – There were no declarations of interest.

86/20 Finance

- (i) Accounts 2020/2021 – The Parish Council considered the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the Receipts and Payments as at 31 March 2021.

Resolved that:

- i) the Certificate of Exemption for 2020/2021 be approved;
 - ii) the Receipts & Payments Account as at 31 March 2021 be approved; and
 - iii) the Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 (Section 1) and the Accounting Statement for 2020/2021 (Section 2) be approved. **Action TG**
- iii) Internal Auditor's Report 2020/2021 – Prior to the meeting, the Parish Council had received the Internal Auditor's final report for 2020/2021.

Resolved that the report and recommendations be noted.

87/20 Parish Council Meetings Post 7 May 2021 – The Parish Council discussed the format of Parish Council meetings once the emergency legislation expired on 7 May 2021.

Resolved that in response to the Covid-19 situation, Newbottle Parish Council believes it is not safe to hold a physical Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council agrees that beyond 7 May 2021, it grants the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council, where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline.

The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the Parish Council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations.

Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first physical meeting of the Parish Council, or upon changes to Government legislation, whichever is the soonest.

Councillor Michael Loggin thanked those Councillors who were not standing as candidates at the Election on 6 May 2021, for all of their hard work on the Parish Council over many years. There was special thanks for Councillor Andrew Woods who had chaired the Parish Council in recent years and also Councillor Andrea Gladden as she had been a Parish Councillor for over 20 years, which included many years as Chairman.

(The meeting closed at 8.00pm)

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Signed, Chairman – 17 May 2021