

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014**

Present: Councillor B Burn Jnr (Presiding) and Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, N R Page, I Paul, K Shaw, B. Arthur, R. Whitehead, C. Snowball, K. Younger, S. Morrison

Mr A. Simpson Solicitor

Apologies: Councillors B Burn Snr, B.E Allen, B, Allen, S. Forster. S Cudlip

**1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**2. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RECOMMENDED in view of the confidential nature of the following item, the formal resolution be hereby passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1961.

**3. SEAHAM TOWN HALL CATERING, BAR AND CAFÉ AGREEMENT**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Mr Andrew Simpson who went through each item on the agreement and explained in layman terms the implications for both parties involved.

A Member explained that there had been a lot of work done on this and that an open and honest relationship with the caterers using a digitally recorded till system that the council would have sight of and that the council would be dealing with the money and then the caterers would apply for what owed to them.

It was explained that the Café, bar and Kitchen would be fitted and opened as soon as possible and that a functional kitchen would be installed. A Member said it was important to get these items underway as soon as possible to hit the Christmas market. It was explained that the breakdown period would be 6 months after a warning, but any breach of the agreement would be 21 days such as not paying the fees etc. It was explained that meters will be installed to separate utilities. Members agreed unanimously to approve the agreement to be signed as soon as possible by the Mayor on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Council note the information now reported and approve the agreement to be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Council.