

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
(Convened following consultation with the Town Mayor)**

19 MAY 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Blissett (Town Mayor) (in the Chair); Councillors Cooke, Deacon, Mrs Grady, Harrison, Hinchcliffe, Kinch, Marshall, Mrs Moorhouse and Yarker.

Officers: Mr King (Town Clerk) and Mrs Plant (Deputy Clerk).

28. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Peat and Robinson.

Resolved – That Councillors Peat and Robinson's apologies be accepted.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal, pecuniary or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. There were no declarations of interest at this juncture.

30. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (IN RESPECT OF MINUTE 31 BELOW)

Resolved – That, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 §1(2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter referred to at Minute 31 below, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted: in that it would put into the public domain an offer, the sum of which, if disclosed, might prevent the council from achieving 'best consideration' on the terms of a proposed transaction.

31. ALLOTMENTS

Submitted – Pursuant to Council Minute 119/Mar/14, a confidential report providing an update in respect on the proposal to sell land adjacent to an allotment.

Resolved - (a) That the council accepts the offer for the purchase of the land to the rear of Bede Road plus 50% of fees and disbursements, subject to contract.

(b) That the Clerk be given delegated authority to instruct a solicitor to act on behalf of the Town Council with respect to this transaction.

(c) That, in respect of any consequent issues, including use of receipts, shall be deferred to a Services Committee meeting pending completion of the sale.