

Statement by the Town Mayor of Buckley Town Council

As the Town Mayor, I together with the Clerk wish to make the following statement in relation to the words “Keyboard Warriors” in the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on 20th October 2021:-

The Town Clerk is not a Facebook user or a user of any other social media platform with the exception of Hotmail.

At no time whatsoever did the Clerk intend to cause offence with the words. He did not believe the words to be derogatory and used them after consulting, and in line with the definition in, the Collins English Dictionary which describes Keyboard Warrior as a person who uses social media to express outrage or criticism.

The Clerk understood that the phrase was common parlance for such social media contributors. The use of the expression was intended to recognise that Facebook contributors had raised legitimate points for the Council to consider with regard to the potential re-instatement of the Fireworks Display – hence the narrative of the remainder of the Agenda.

Subsequently other definitions have been notified to the Clerk, some of which describe the words as derogatory.

At no time was it the Clerk’s intention to make a remark which was or might be (or might be taken to be) derogatory or to cause offence to anyone, and any offence taken by any Facebook user to the use of the words in the Agenda was not intended and is regretted.

The words will not be used again in Council Agendas.

Councillor V E Blondek
Town Mayor of Buckley Town Council