

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllrs G Grant, P Exton, F Smith, C Doody, K Power, RP Jones, C Ritchie, R Hastings, E Whatton, R Sanderson, S James, L Crawford-Price

Also present: Lisa Dent (Dep Town Clerk)

Mayors Announcements

- Cllr Grant informed on his attendance at the following events:-Waitrose Steps Protest, Given Town Twinning Civic Reception, Mayor of Trowbridge Civic Service, opening of Imperial Hearing, Ukraine Independence Day Civic Reception, opening of Carnival Review, opening of Barn Owl Books, opening of DQ's Beauty Salon, BBC Breakfast TV interview on litter clean up, Carnival judging and procession, Carnival cash count and thanksgiving service, MRVT Volunteers morning, Wilton Mayor's charity evening, High Street gallery launch, HEALS summer programme awards ceremony, Town Twinning trip to Niebull.

FC/23/108 To receive declarations of interest.

None received.

FC/23/109 To receive apologies for absence.

Received for Cllrs S D'Arcy, J Slade.

FC/23/110 Public questions on items of business included on the agenda.

None received.

FC/23/111 It was proposed that the order of business is varied to bring forward councillor applications and all present were in agreement.

FC/23/112 To exclude the Press & Public for Councillor applicants

None present.

FC/23/113 To receive application/s for Councillor vacancy

One application received which has been distributed prior to the meeting.

FC/23/114 To consider Councillor applications and if agreed, make appointment

The applicant joined the meeting and was given the opportunity to make a brief statement to the council and following a secret ballot, Mr Ian Wallis was appointed as councillor to Malmesbury Town Council and was welcomed by all present.

FC/23/115 To approve minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 18th July 2023.

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

FC/23/116 To receive and note minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 25th July 2023.

The minutes of the meeting were received and noted.

It was noted there has been no response from Waitrose management to our request for a further meeting to discuss their responsibility to repair the steps.

Concern was stated over the incomplete reserved matters planning application at the Park Road site. The application shows further drainage/flooding information has been

requested and it was noted a fissure in the road surface has developed due to previous flooding. It was agreed to ask Wiltshire Council to consider pausing the application until this information is available. MTC register our serious concerns through P&E committee and Cllr Grant will also register these with the northern area planning committee.

FC/23/117 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meetings held on the 5th July 2023.

No Chair or Vice Chair was present, the minutes of the meeting were received and noted.

FC/23/118 To appoint Council representative on the Athelstan Statue project

Cllr R Sanderson was appointed as council representative.

FC/23/119 To appoint a Council representative on Rural Market Town Group

Cllr L Crawford-Price was appointed as representative pending time commitments and requested more further information on the role.

FC/23/120 To note councillor progress with new IT system/access

The office staff were thanked for their assistance during the migration to the new IT providers. Some councillors are reporting problems with accessing emails and they have been asked to contact the office to be signposted to further help and it was noted training may assist.

FC/23/121 To receive updates from Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations, where report had been received;

Malmesbury Conservation Group – Market Cross survey has been sent from P&E committee, new enforcement officer at Wiltshire Council has reviewed Malmesbury properties in poor repair and P&E will review this at the next meeting.

Malmesbury Town Team –verbal report was provided and noted.

Twinning – Bad Hersfeld have formally requested Malmesbury Town Council consider a twinning agreement. The attendance list for the upcoming visit needs to be clarified for travel arrangements and communicated to the organisers.

Local Youth Network Management Group – Report from Cllr Power was noted.

Health & Well-being Forum – Report from Cllr Power was noted.

Scott Media – Report was noted.

FC/23/122 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

CCTV – recent meeting was positive. It is hoped to commence the works in January 2024 with a finishing date of March/April 2024. Some issues regarding ordering materials and use of lighting columns. Next steps will concern the technical aspects. Station Road and Cloister Gardens will be challenging in some areas. A more formal report will be made after the next meeting.

Bloor Planning Appeal is approaching and it is understood this is necessary to keep both applications live in the planning systems.

Local Plan Consultation is due to commence in October. It was agreed that Malmesbury Town Council will write to Wiltshire Council for clarification on how housing numbers to date have been incorporated in the figures stated.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm