

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllrs G Grant, P Exton, P Smith, F Smith, L Wood, C Doody, RP Jones, S D'Arcy and C Ritchie

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

Mayors Announcements

- Cllr Grant expressed sincere thanks to everyone who had organised the Coronation Picnic event the previous Sunday, it was exceptionally well attended and all activities were very well received.
- Cllr Grant requested that all MTC representatives on local organisations forward a written report with the agenda to expedite the item of business.
- Cllr Doody thanked MTC on behalf of the Luncheon Club for the use of the room up to now. It is encouraging to note that attendance is steadily increasing.

FC/23/61 To receive declarations of interest

None received

FC/23/62 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Power & Sanderson.

FC/23/63 Public questions on items of business included on the agenda

None received.

FC/23/64 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd May

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

FC/23/65 To note update on Flood Alleviation Plans at Park Road and the Lower High Street

Cllr D'Arcy reported that Cllr Power had convened a meeting with Cllr Puntis, the Estates Manager at Huws Gray, the Environment Agency (EA), WC Drainage Engineer, Cllrs Grant, Exton, the Town Clerk & himself to consider action to be taken to alleviate flooding along Park Road and at Huws Gray. It was agreed that the EA will move proposals forwards and that Cllr D'Arcy, as Operational Flood Group representative, will be the correct channel of communication for all parties.

It was also noted that the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee had met and approved the proposed scheme at the Lower High Street and expenditure of £50k. The Outline Business Case is yet to be approved to secure the remaining £350k from the EA. A public meeting will be held shortly to discuss the proposals.

FC/23/66 To receive update on Police meeting

Cllr Grant stated that he had attended a meeting with Inspector McCoy, the Town Clerk and Gareth Edwards. Gareth Edwards is taking over as the Community Police Team Inspector and Inspector McCoy is taking on a new role. Inspector McCoy expressed

appreciation of the levels of communication he had with MTC and anticipates the same with Inspector Edwards.

It was also noted that any information should be forwarded directly to the Police and that the Town Council is not the correct means of communication with the Police.

FC/23/67 To receive an update on the Bloor Development at Filands

Cllrs Grant and Exton had met with representatives from Bloor Homes and GreenSquare Accord to discuss the access point that has been created by residents between the two developments. It was agreed that the area has become very dangerous. It is being investigated as to whether there is an historic right of way and action will be progressed.

Cllr Ritchie stated that the two, more recent, applications at Filands are due to expire and that WC had requested a suspension of the appeal. Bloor have refused and it was agreed by Members that letters would be written to the Cabinet Member of Wiltshire and an Executive of Bloor Homes to find out how the two minor issues of contention can be resolved swiftly.

FC/23/68 To note situation with Council vacancies and determine way forwards

Following discussion it was agreed that the existing vacancy would be re-advertised as soon as possible with a deadline for applications before the next Full Council meeting on the 20th June.

FC/23/69 To receive updates from Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks

Nothing to report

Malmesbury Conservation Group

Meeting shortly

Malmesbury Town Team

There is a new board in the Cross Hayes advertising Town businesses. Two new walks will be taking place as part of the St Aldhelm event. The Principle of the Royal Agricultural College will be visiting Renew later in May.

Twinning

Nothing to report

Operational Flood Group

Cllr D'Arcy had provided an update earlier in the meeting

Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group

Nothing to report

Local Youth Network Management Group

Cllr Grant stated that the next meeting is the 17th May

Community Safety Partnership

This group will be formally reformed at the next Area Board meeting

Health & Well-being Forum

Nothing to report

Bus Service Improvement

Nothing to report

Movies@Malmesbury

Cllr D'Arcy reported that there will be much activity for Movies@Malmesbury in the coming month; the seating will be installed, the speakers will be moved and the new projected will be arriving. It has been agreed that an evening will be allocated to show a film for all the volunteers to express thanks to them.

Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc. Malmesbury Against Plastics)

Cllr Ritchie stated that the recent talk was very well attended and asked that P&R discuss the way forward with Climate Strategy at its next meeting.

Safer Nights Charter

The Town Clerk stated that the Deputy Town Clerk will lead on the Safer Nights Charter, TH&F will appoint a member of the Committee also.

FC/23/70 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

Cllr Grant reported that he had been contacted by ITV to make a statement on the condition of the roads around Malmesbury. Cllr Ritchie asked if there is a steer from WC on Highways Improvements in the Town, particularly potholes. Cllr Grant replied that there is a timetable being planned and that he would liaise with Cllr Threlfall on progress.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm