

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Malting Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 27th August 2013 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A J Gundry
Councillors: W G Blake, R E Budgen, F E Caton, S Cox, C C Doody, J E Exton, S J Killane, V L Penfold and K Power.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors RF Sanderson, S Poole, ACR Woodcock and MH Snell.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 1

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor WG Blake asked why the following note was appended to the Agenda:

The Town Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is case law to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

Councillor A J Gundry, stated that this had appeared following correspondence between the Town Clerk and Members about releasing funds for the River Walk Project. He added that the Town Council was able to make a contribution as the matter had been included in this Agenda and due notice had been given in accordance with the Local Government Act.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

No declarations were made.

40. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE THE RIVER WALK

Representations were received from K Waterfield who was co-ordinating the project.

Issues discussed included:

- That despite the planned works being outside the Town boundary, the path would be used by many residents;
- That Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council were setting aside a contingency fund as their contribution to the scheme;
- That other sources of funding had also been secured from the Civic Trust and a Pathway Improvement Grant (Wiltshire Council);
- That the Leisure & Youth Committee had supported the application; and
- The hard work undertaken by the project organiser.

Resolved: To endorse the improvement project and to request that £707 be released from Section 106 funds.

41. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JULY 2013 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH AUGUST 2013.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 9th July 2013 and the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting held on 13th August 2013 be received and adopted.

42. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 10TH AND 30TH JULY AND 20TH AUGUST.

Issues discussed included:

- Following questions from Councillor WG Blake, Councillor AJ Gundry stated that the hedges near the Reads Farm play area would be considered at the next meeting of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee;
- Council noted that neither Mrs Batstone or the Town Council had received a response from Wiltshire Council concerning the bin arrangements for Gloucester House Flats. Councillor AJ Gundry stated that he would write to Wiltshire Council, with the Council's backing, to express the Council's extreme concern at a lack of a response. He added that the issue would also be raised at the next meeting of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee and with Councillor TR Sturgis at the meeting with Area Board Councillors.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee held on the 10th and 30th July and 20th August 2013 be noted.

43. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE & YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 6TH AUGUST 2013.

Councillor Killane stated that a Working Group had been established to look at the Cloister Gardens following reports of anti-social behaviour and litter.

Resolved: that the minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee held on the 4th June 2013 be noted.

44. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 6TH JUNE AND 19TH AUGUST 2013.

Councillor Cox spoke of the need to improve cycling facilities in the town, in particular the provision of more cycle racks and pothole free loops.

Resolved: that the minutes of the Town Promotion & Tourism Committee held on 6th June 2013 and the 19th August be noted.

45. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13TH AUGUST 2013.

Issues discussed included:

- The potential for alternative governance structures;

- That the early repayment of the PWLB loan would not be financially sound;
- Budget savings;
- Events in the Market Cross; and
- The need to establish a Town Team and potential difficulties.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 13th August be noted.
- 2) That the formation of a Town Team be considered at the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

46. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 14TH AUGUST 2013.

Issues discussed included:

- That a Working Group will look at charges for the Town Hall; and
- Whether members of working groups should declare interests.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee held on the 14th August be noted.

47. EXAMINATION OF CHEQUES

Councillor Power stated that the cheques were in order.

48. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE PROVISION OF A NEW TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE AND AGREE THE CONTRACTOR TO BE ENGAGED

Councillor Gundry stated that a Report had not been able to be prepared as quotes had only just been submitted.

Resolved: To consider the issue at an extraordinary meeting following the distribution of the specification and tenders.

49. MAYORAL APPEAL MANDATE

Resolved: That Councillors AJ Gundry, K Power, S Poole, S Cox and C Doody be appointed signatories to the accounts.

50. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Power stated that the MNSG were collating the consultation work ahead of a meeting next week. She added that Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy has

gone out for consultation again and that it is important that the Town Council respond.

Councillor Killane added that it was important for the Town Council to respond to Wiltshire Council consultation on 20mph speed limits and the Bus Review.

Resolved: To note the update and request that Planning & Environment look at the Bus Review

51. TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE KEY OBJECTIVES

A discussion took place about the best in which to monitor progress against the 16 objectives.

Resolved: That Councillor Penfold be charged with working with the Town Clerk to put together a Business Plan.

The meeting closed at 9pm.