

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 26th November 2013 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S J Poole.
Councillors: R E Budgen, F E Caton, S Cox, C C Doody, J E Exton,
S J Killane, V L Penfold, K Power, R F Sanderson,
S Shape, and A C R Woodcock

APOLOGIES: Councillors W G Blake and A Kettleby and M H Snell due to illness

IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public and one member of the press.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor Caton asked why the Kite Festival had not received their grant cheque. The Town Clerk advised that he would investigate the cause of any delay.

Mr Martin Rae asked if the agenda item on the Flying Monk had been withdrawn. He was advised that it had been withdrawn from the agenda. Mr Jevons stated that he represented all three tenants of the Flying Monk Playing Field and explained why they felt it was essential to continue with the registration as a QE II Field. He asked if the Council would send the signed documents to Fields in Trust.

Councillor Power proposed and Councillor Doody seconded that the registration be put on hold by the Town Clerk until an informal meeting can be held to discuss the registration further and that the decision on whether or not to register the Flying Monk Ground is delegated to the P & R Committee Meeting of 12th December 2013.

The Deputy Mayor invited the Council to decide when the proposal should be discussed and Councillor Cox proposed that the item be dealt with before moving to the main agenda. His proposal received support and considerable discussion took place on whether the registration should proceed or be considered by the Council after an informal meeting with all interested parties.

Councillor Woodcock proposed and Councillor Sanderson seconded that the members of the public attending the meeting should be invited to provide information to assist the Council in deliberations. The proposal was agreed and the members of the public were invited to answer questions raised by Councillors.

Councillor Power withdrew her original proposal and substituted it with a proposition that the registration be put on hold by the Town Clerk until an informal meeting can be held to discuss the registration further with interested parties and that a decision on whether or not to register the Flying Monk Ground is considered at the P & R Committee Meeting of 12th December 2013 before being tabled for a final decision at the Council meeting on 17th December. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Killane. Councillor Exton called for a recorded vote.

In favour: Councillors Budgen, Cox, Doody, Killane, Penfold, Poole, Power, Shape, Woodcock.

Against: Councillors Exton and Sanderson

Abstention: Councillor Caton.

The proposal was carried.

76. CLOSURE OF BRISTOL STREET

The Deputy Mayor advised that the speaker was again unable to attend and this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

77. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29th OCTOBER 2013

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 29th October 2013, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 72 - Councillor Cox stated that he welcomed the potential of public art in Malmesbury.

Min 74 - Councillor Poole reminded Councillors that the news letter would shortly be returned from the printers and require distribution.

78. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2013.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 5th November 2013 be received and noted.

79. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2013.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee meeting held on 12th November 2013 be received and noted.

Councillor Cox informed the Council that the Malmesbury Carnival would welcome an application for grant towards the installation of ramps for the Old School Room and Malting Hall.

Min 5 – Councillor Budgen advised that the Town Hall Charges Working Group would shortly be presenting recommendations to the committee

80. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2013.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee held on the 13th November 2013 be received and noted.

81. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER 2013.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee held on the 18th November 2013 be noted.

82. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER AND 2ND OCTOBER 2013

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee held on the 11th September and 2nd October 2013 be received and noted.

83. COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE

An application for a community grant had been received from Carer Support Wiltshire and circulated to all councillors. It was proposed by Councillor Power and second by Councillor Woodcock and RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be approved for the purposes indicated in the application.

84 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Killane informed the Council that the documents had been submitted to Wiltshire Council and that Malmesbury may be the first in Wiltshire to hold a referendum. He announced that the Daily Telegraph had included Malmesbury in the top 10 areas for consideration as a High Street Champion of the year.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.