

## **Malmesbury Town Council**

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A J Gundry  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S J Poole.  
Councillors: R E Budgen, F E Caton, S Cox, C C Doody, J E Exton,  
A Kettleby, S J Killane, K Power, R F Sanderson,  
M H Snell and A C R Woodcock

**NON ATTENDANCE:** Councillors W G Blake, V L Penfold and S J Shape.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Doody declared an interest in Item 5, application for a community grant.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were asked.

### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Councillor Snell following his unavoidable absence from the Council. He advised the Council that Dyson's would be mounting an exhibition in the Town Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February to explain proposals for development.

#### **96. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013, as circulated, be received and adopted.

#### **97. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014, as circulated, be received and adopted.

**Min 5** – Councillor Gundry reported that the dropped kerb at Silver Street had now been installed by Wiltshire Council.

#### **98. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

His Worship the Mayor explained the existing process by which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are selected and sought the views of the Town Council about how the process could be made more inclusive. Councillor Killane welcomed a move towards a more democratic process but felt that in a period of transition the existing Deputy Mayor should not be disenfranchised.

The Mayor proposed that Standing Order 19 be suspended in relation to the selection of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appointments to committees for the Civic Year 2014 and that the selections be determined by a meeting of the Town Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The proposal was duly seconded and the Council RESOLVED to make the selection at a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**99. CLOSURE OF BRISTOL STREET**

In response to the presentation given at the last Council meeting the Mayor invited comments from councillors on the preferred option for HGV detours during the closure of Bristol Street. Concern was expressed about both routes presented for consideration but after considerable debate it was RESOLVED that Option 1 using the B4040 would cause the least disruption.

Council considered the implications of increased traffic flow on the minor roads, particularly in respect of journeys to and from school. It was RESOLVED that Wiltshire Council be requested to consider the provision of a crossing attendant for the period of the road closure, adequate and appropriate signage, especially on the approaches to the town, enforceable traffic orders and adequate enforcement to prevent HGV use of minor roads, creation of a one way system for local traffic and restriction of on street parking to one side of the local light traffic routes to assist with safe traffic flow.

**100. COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – PHILOSOPHY TOWN**

Councillor Doody explained the proposals put forward by the organisation to create a garden with public access. His Worship the Mayor invited the Council to make a proposal to support the grant application. No proposal was forthcoming and the application was therefore not approved.

**101. CITIZEN, YOUNG CITIZEN AND ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

At the Mayor's request Councillor Poole explained the process of selection and the various organisations involved. The Council agreed that to combine the awards with the Annual Meeting of all electors was the most appropriate way forward but concern was expressed about the Town Council not being in control of the process. It was RESOLVED that this year the awards would continue as in previous years but with the selection of the Citizen of the Year being determined by all members of the Town Council. The process to be reviewed before next year.

**102. REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON BURNHAM HOUSE WORKING PARTY**

A vacancy had arisen for a Town Council representative on the Burnham House Working Party. Councillor Power proposed that Councillor Doody represent the Town Council. Council Poole seconded the proposal and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Doody be the council representative.

**103. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.**

Councillor Poole provided information from a meeting of the Wiltshire Association of Market Towns and Councillor Sanderson explained what had happened following the recent flooding. Details are attached to these minutes.

**104. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Power explained that the plan was out for consultation until 5<sup>th</sup> March following which it will be independently examined before a referendum is called. Wiltshire Council had invited comments upon the proposals for dealing with Community Infrastructure Levy. It was RESOLVED by the Town Council that the response to be made on behalf of the Town Council be delegated to a working group headed by Councillor Gundry.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.**