

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 25th March 2014 at 7.00pm.

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, J E Exton, A Kettley,
S J Killane, V L Penfold, K Power, and A C R Woodcock

APOLOGIES; Councillors R F Sanderson and Mrs CC Doody both with prior engagements and Councillor M H Snell ill health.

NON ATTENDANCE: Councillor S Shape

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor Cox enquired if the Town Council would be sending a card to Councillor Snell. The Deputy offered to organise a suitable card for councillors to sign.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor A J Gundry advised the Council that the traffic lights by the bridge had been installed without consultation by Wiltshire Council but following representations from himself and Councillor Budgen the system would be manned during busy periods in an attempt to relieve the congestion caused.

115. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2014.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 25th February 2014, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 111 - Councillor Cox enquired how the needs of youth would be addressed in the new committee structure especially in respect of the YMCA money held in Bath. Councillor Power replied that the YMCA funding would be made known to the group working on the campus project.

116. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th FEBRUARY AND 12th MARCH 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee meeting held on the 18th February and 12th March 2014, as circulated, be received.

Min 10/13 - Councillor A J Gundry informed the Council that a list of suitable sites for grit bins had been sent to Wiltshire Council but several of the locations had been deemed not to fit the criteria adopted by that council.

Min M90&91 – Councillor S Killane informed the Council that the enforcement team were investigating the situation.

117. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2014.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 11th March 2014, as circulated, be received.

118. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2014.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee held on the 18th March 2014, as circulated, be received.

119. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2014.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee held on the 19th March 2014, as circulated, be received.

120. COMMUNITY GRANT – MALMESBURY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOC.

It was proposed by Councillor Killane, seconded by Councillor Cox and RESOLVED that the Malmesbury and District Twinning Association be granted the sum of £500 for the purposes outlined in their application dated 7th March 2014.

121. COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

The Town Clerk outlined a request from the Twinning Association to install a commemorative bench at the front of the Town Hall, at no cost to the Town Council. It was proposed by Councillor Woodcock, seconded by Councillor Poole and RESOLVED that permission be granted.

122. Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor 2014/2015

The Town Clerk had previously selected submissions made by Councillor Poole for the office of Town Mayor and Councillor Power for the office of Deputy Town Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Killane, seconded by Councillor Gundry and RESOLVED that Councillor S Poole be supported as Town mayor for 2014/2015.

It was proposed by Councillor Poole, seconded by Councillor Kettlely and RESOLVED that Councillor Power be supported as Deputy Town mayor for 2014/2015.

123. FREQUENCY OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was agreed by the Town Council that this item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of Policy and Resources Committee together with a draft programme of meeting dates.

124. FLOOD WARDENS

The Mayor introduced his report on a scheme for Flood Wardens and advised the Council that insurance would be obtained via the Council's existing insurance cover. Concern was expressed by a number of councillors that confusion could

exist in the minds of the public, especially in an emergency, as there were two flood groups involved in and around Malmesbury.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Sanderson be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Town Council explaining the work of his group and the relationship with the Town Council.

125. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Power informed the Council that the appeal against the development in Park Road would be held next week and the Council agreed to authorise Councillor A J Gundry to speak against the development in his capacity as Town Mayor.

The meeting closed at 20.35 pm.