

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor S J Poole
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor K Power
Councillors: R E Budgen, F E Caton, S Cox, C C Doody, J E Exton,
L G Grant, A J Gundry, W Jones, A Kettlely, S J Killane, V L Penfold
and R F Sanderson

APOLOGIES; None received.

NON ATTENDANCE: Councillors S J Shape and A C R Woodcock

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor Cox asked why, although Chair of a committee, he is never invited to the meetings convened by the Chair of Policy and Resources when all chairs meet together. Councillor Power advised that an email had been sent with the dates of proposed meetings.

51. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2014.

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

52. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 3rd December 2014, as circulated, be received.

53. TO AGREE THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2015/2016

It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Kettlely and RESOLVED by 11 votes to 2 that the Town Council budget expenditure for the next financial year be set at £429,711 with £336,599.15 being raised from council tax, £16,072.78 grant from Wiltshire Council, £76,636 from income and £403.07 being taken from balances. The impact was a 3% rise in the council tax levied by Malmesbury Town Council equating to tax for a Band D property being set at £177.49, a rise of £5.17 per year.

54. GLOVERS COURT APPLICATION FOR GRANT

The Glover's Court Amenity Group submitted a request for grant aid towards the purchase of a garden shed, details of which had been circulated by the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Councillor Killane, seconded by Councillor Power and RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be approved and treated as expenditure under section 137.

55. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PARKING CONSULTATION

Councillor Gundry presented the questionnaire included in the consultation pack from Wiltshire Council and invited the Town Council to suggest suitable responses to the questions raised. After considerable debate, during which many of the questions were answered, Councillors were unable to agree a united response to the question concerning charging for the Cross Hayes and it was proposed by Councillor Jones and RESOLVED that the question be answered by councillors in their capacity as residents. The general view of the council was that insufficient information had been provided in the consultation documents to enable a great many of the questions to be answered. It was agreed that Councillor Gundry and the Town Clerk would complete the questionnaire in accordance with the preferences expressed by the council.

56. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Killane presented a report on his activity as a Unitary Councillor including reference to expenses claimed in the role and as Chair of the Scrutiny Committee. He drew attention to the revised Housing Allocation system introduced by Wiltshire Council and suggested that the Town Council should request that an item be placed on the agenda for an Area Board meeting to explain the new system and the process of consultation and implementation.

The meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.