

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 24th March 2015 at 7.00pm.

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

APOLOGIES; Councillors S Cox, L G Grant and A C R Woodcock

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public and a representative from the press.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

The Town Mayor made a brief announcement advising the Council that she had attended two 100th birthday parties of Malmesbury residents in recent days and was due to attend another this week.

75. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 24th February 2015, as circulated, be received and adopted.

76. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 3rd March 2015, as circulated, be received.

77. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 4th MARCH 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Hall and facilities Committee meeting held on the 4th March 2015, as circulated, be received.

78. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th MARCH 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 5th March 2015, as circulated, be received.

79. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 10th March 2015, as circulated, be received.

80. STANDING ORDERS

Councillor Power presented the new Standing Orders for Malmesbury Town Council as recommended by the Policy and Resources Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Penfold and RESOLVED that the new Standing Orders be adopted and implemented from the start of the new Civic Year.

81. TOWN TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Following the resignation of Councillor Caton from the Town Council it was proposed by Councillor Killane, seconded by Councillor Power that Councillor Kettlety be appointed as the Town Council representative on the Town Team. There being no other candidates Councillor Kettlety was duly appointed.

82. CAR PARKING REVIEW

Councillor Gundry referred the Council to the results of the Parking Review which had recently been considered by Wiltshire Council. The Town Council had been invited to put forward any localism proposals by the 3rd April. Considerable discussion ensued about possible opportunities to improve the current situation. Councillor Killane advised that any surplus income from parking charges would be used to support the other key services of Wiltshire Council and consideration should be given to cost neutral suggestions wherever possible.

In view of the complexity of the report it was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Penfold and RESOLVED that a small Working Group be formed to work with the Town Team on a joint proposal to Wiltshire Council. Councillors Gundry and Sanderson would represent the Town Council but other members of the Council were invited to contact Councillor Gundry if they wished to participate. Councillor Kettlety was requested to liaise with the Town Team.

83. SELECTION OF MAYOR DESIGNATE FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2015/16

Her Worship the Mayor called for nominations for the office of Town Mayor for the Civic Year 2015/16. Councillor Power, Deputy Town Mayor, was proposed by Councillor Doody and seconded by Councillor Killane. The Mayor called for any other nominations and Councillor Gundry was proposed by Councillor Budgen and seconded by Councillor Penfold. The Mayor called upon the councillors to vote for each of the nominees and Councillor Gundry received the majority of votes from those councillors present. Her Worship the Mayor announced that Councillor A J Gundry had therefore been selected as Town Mayor designate, to be recommended for election by the Town Council on the 5th May 2015.

84. SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR DESIGNATE FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2015/16

Her Worship the Mayor called for nominations for the office of Deputy Town Mayor for the Civic Year 2015/16. Councillor Kettleby was proposed by Councillor Power and seconded by Councillor Killane. The Mayor called for any other nominations and Councillor Jones was proposed by Councillor Exton and seconded by Councillor Budgen. The Mayor called upon the councillors to vote for each of the nominees and Councillor Jones received the majority of votes from those councillors present. Her Worship the Mayor announced that Councillor W Jones had therefore been selected as Deputy Town Mayor designate, to be recommended for election by the Town Council on the 5th May 2015.

85. REPORT FROM WILTSHIRE UNITARY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Killane gave a brief presentation on activity at Wiltshire Council. He advised the Council that the Neighbourhood Plan had already proved its worth in connection with a proposed development in Milbourne. Major developers had been encouraged to meet with local interest groups to develop proposals on agreed sites. 50 copies of the plan were soon to be printed and some would be available to the Town Council. Scrutiny had raised concerns about the delay in providing adequate broadband within areas of Wiltshire and this would be subjected to examination.

The meeting closed at 19.50 hrs.