

## **Malmesbury Town Council**

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Malmesbury Town Council held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** The Deputy Mayor, Councillor F E Vandelli  
Councillors: M Asciak, C Burke, C C Doody, G Darling-Parkes,  
J M Exton, A J Gundry, L G Grant, P J Newman,  
K Power, C M Ritchie and P N J Smith

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs R Budgen, P J Exton, W R Jones and H Webb.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None

**19. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AND THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017, be received and signed as a correct record.

**TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE AND 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as circulated, be received.

**20. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Hall & Facilities meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> January and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as circulated, be received.

**21. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as circulated, be received.

**22. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS IN MALMESBURY**

Councillor Ritchie addressed the Council on the recently announced decision of Wiltshire Council to address the future deficit of primary school places in Malmesbury by extending the school serving Lea and Garsdon rather than the expansion of the Malmesbury School. Councillor Grant explained that the Malmesbury School was an academy not under the control of Wiltshire Council and the likely cost of expansion was far higher than any of the funds available Whilst it was accepted that the decision making organisations were Wiltshire Council and the Board of Governors of the school the local council had not been consulted or informed of the proposal before the article appeared in the press.

The decision did not accord with the Neighbourhood Plan or the original view of the Malmesbury Education Working Group and Wiltshire Council.

After considerable discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Grant and RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Wiltshire Council seeking a full explanation especially why the local council had not been engaged in the process. It was further RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Board of Governors of the school enquiring why the change of opinion on the subject of expansion.

#### **23. BID TO SSE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FUND**

Councillor Gundry presented his report requesting support for a bid to be made to the Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks' Resilient Communities Fund for suitable communication equipment and first aid training. He explained that a survey to determine the most suitable communication system would be required and an allocation of £200 would need to be considered. It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Newman and RESOLVED that a bid for funding be submitted.

#### **24. ALLOCATION TO COMMITTEES**

The Town Clerk advised the Council that two vacancies existed on each of the Community and Town Promotion Committee and the Town Hall and Facilities Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Newman and RESOLVED that Councillors Smith and Darling-Parkes be allocated seats on the Community and Town Promotion Committee and Councillors Burke and Newman seats on the Town Hall and Facilities Committee for the remainder of the civic year.

#### **25. UPDATE FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Grant presented a report that had previously been circulated outlining recent activities at Wiltshire Council.

#### **26. CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAMPION**

The Council considered the request made by the Community Engagement Manager for Wiltshire Council to support the post of Health and Wellbeing Champion. Councillor Grant provided additional information about what had been requested and proposed that the Town Council donate the sum of £100 provided at least two other local councils within the area covered by the Malmesbury Board donated the same funding and that the same request was made of the local councils covered by the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Ritchie provided that the funding was identified as being for a service enhancement and not to replace funds from the Area Board. Councillor Grant accepted that this should be included within his proposal.

The proposal being duly seconded was considered by the Town Council and it was RESOLVED to adopt the proposal and inform the Community Engagement manager accordingly.

#### **27. PROVISION OF COVERS FOR CEREMONIAL ROBES**

Councillor Exton presented a report suggesting the ceremonial robes should be stored in protective covers and allocated to each councillor. It was proposed by Councillor Exton, seconded by Councillor Doody and RESOLVED that the identified action should be taken.

**Meeting closed 20.38 hrs**