



# MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm.

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**Present;** Cllrs P Exton, S James, L Crawford-Price, S D'Arcy, C Doody, K Drake, G Grant, RP Jones, K Power, C Ritchie, J Slade & I Wallis.

**Also present:** Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

### MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Exton reported that he had attended several events in the last month,

- First Birthday of Barn Owl Books
- Signing of the Cherkasy agreement
- HEALS end of Summer Programme event
- Carnival Parade
- St Aldhelm's Church Concert

**FC/24/109 To receive declarations of interest.**

None received.

**FC/24/110 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Cllrs W Jones, R Sanderson & R Hastings.

**FC/24/111 To receive introduction from Inspector Scott Anger, Wiltshire Police.**

Inspector Anger was unable to attend, an invite to a future meeting will be sent.

**FC/24/112 Public questions on items of business included on the agenda.**

None received.

**FC/24/113 To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

*Cllr Grant arrived.*

**FC/24/114 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

The minutes were received and noted.

**FC/24/115 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July and the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

9<sup>th</sup> July – The minutes were received and noted.

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Cllr Grant stated that Persimmon Homes wish to engage with the Primary School to create the footpath connecting the Backbridge development with the Town. Cllr Grant wanted Members to note that he is very much in favour of a footpath around the southern border of the school linking Backbridge through to the big Co-op (and onwards into the town centre. The minutes were received and noted.

13<sup>th</sup> August – The minutes were received and noted.

**FC/24/116 To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall and Facilities Committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

The minutes were received and noted.

**FC/24/117 To receive and note the minutes of the Community Engagement and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.**

It was requested that the EatFestival is advertised omitting the word 'Local.' The minutes were received and noted.

**FC/24/118 To appoint Councillors to vacancies on Burial, Community Engagement and Town Promotion and Policy and Resources Committees.**

It was resolved that Cllr S James be appointed to the Policy and Resources Committee and the vacancies on Burial and Community Engagement and Town Promotion Committees remained unfilled.

**FC/24/119 To appoint Councillor to Planning and Environment Committee following request from Cllr Crawford-Price to step down.**

No Councillor expressed an interest in joining the Planning and Environment Committee, Cllr Crawford-Price agreed to remain on the Committee until a new Councillor is co-opted.

**FC/24/120 To consider response to Cllr Clewer email (8<sup>th</sup> August) and determine next steps**

Cllr Power stated that elements of Cllr Clewer's email are factually incorrect and will respond pointing them out.

Following considerable discussion it was agreed that Cllr Clewer's response had not addressed the issues raised by Malmesbury Town Council. Cllr Crawford-Price will craft an email the following day to send to Cllr Clewer stating that his response had not addressed the fundamental issues raised and that Malmesbury Town Council is not satisfied with the response received.

An extraordinary meeting will be convened to approve the Public Statement that will be released. Cllrs Crawford-Price, D'Arcy, Ritchie and Slade will work on this.

£2k was allocated for any additional PR and comms work necessary to progress the publication of the statement.

**FC/24/121 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations.**

- i. **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks**  
Nothing to update.
- ii. **Malmesbury Conservation Group**  
Nothing to update.
- iii. **Malmesbury Town Team**  
Cllr Crawford-Price had circulated an update report ahead of the meeting. Cllr D'Arcy asked about signage proposals and Cllr Ritchie replied that it is cross functional between the Town Council and the Town Team.
- iv. **Malmesbury & District Twinning Association**  
It was noted that a visit from Niebull is taking place the coming weekend and a reminder was given to all Councillors of the Civic Reception on Friday evening.
- v. **Operational Flood Group**  
Nothing to update.
- vi. **Local Highways & Footpaths Improvements Group**  
Nothing to update.
- vii. **Local Youth Network Management Group**  
No meeting had taken place.
- viii. **Movies @ Malmesbury.**  
Nothing to update.

- ix. **Bus Service improvement**  
Nothing to update.
- x. **Health & Well-being Forum.**  
Cllr Power reported that a meeting had taken place earlier that day and will provide a report at a future meeting.
- xi. **Community Safety Forum**  
No update available.
- xii. **Cotswolds National Landscape Board.**  
No update available.

**FC/24/122 To exclude the press and public for commercially sensitive purposes**

It was resolved to exclude the press and public for the following item of discussion.

**FC/24/123 To consider quotes for OSR flooring (deferred from Full Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> September)**

It was resolved to form a working group comprising Cllrs James, D'Arcy, Exton and Hastings and the Town Clerk to determine the final finish for the OSR floor. The quotes provided were not comparable and samples will be requested.

**FC/24/124 To readmit the press and public for remainder of the meeting.**

It was resolved to re-admit the press and public for the remainder of the meeting. None present.

**FC/24/12 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant.**

Cllr Grant reported;

- The next Area Board meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> September at Ashton Keynes.
- Very disappointed in the Parking Subsidy increase and will be asking for 'actuals' from the Wiltshire Council report.
- There will be a Public meeting on the Pump Track proposal at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- A Community Safety Partnership presentation had taken place and engagement with the Community is to be improved and Cllr Grant reported that the Police want to meet with local businesses.
- A request was put to all members asking that Cllr Grant is copied in to correspondence so that he is able to pick up issues that are raised and provide support.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**