



MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Full Council Meeting
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllrs P Exton, S James, C Ritchie, R Hastings, G Grant, L Crawford-Price, R Sanderson, K Power, C Doody, K Drake and I Wallis.

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk) , Gus Gooch (Calne Men's Shed) and two Members of the Public.

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Exton reported that the Malmesbury in Bloom presentation evening had been a resounding success. The Twinning Agreement signing at Bad Hersfeld had taken place mid-October and had been an exceptionally enjoyable event, the hospitality was outstanding and new friendships were made. Cllr Exton reported that the EAT Festival had ensured a bustling high street with much positive feedback from residents.

FC/24/129 To receive declarations of interest.

None received.

FC/24/130 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Slade, D'Arcy and RP Jones.

FC/24/131 To receive a presentation from the Men's Shed initiative (Gus Gooch, Calne Men's Shed)

Cllr Exton introduced Gus Gooch from the Calne Men's Shed. Mr Gooch gave an overview of the Men's Shed initiative and recounted the great success of the Shed in Calne.

Members asked questions and Cllr Exton thanked Mr Gooch for his time.

Mr Gooch left the meeting.

It was resolved that this will be included on the next CE&TP agenda.

FC/24/132 To Public questions on items of business included on the agenda.

No questions received.

FC/24/133 To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meetings on the 17th September and 3rd October 2024.

The minutes of both meetings were approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Ritchie asked what reaction there had been to the publication of the press release detailing MTC's vote of no confidence in Wiltshire Council. It was noted that the article had been picked up by the online versions of the Wilts and Glos Standard and the Gazette and Herald.

The Town Clerk was asked to invite Cllr Clewer to a future Full Council meeting.

- FC/24/134 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy and Resources meeting held on the 10th September 2024.**
The minutes were received and noted.
- FC/24/135 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meetings held on the 3rd and 24th September.**
The minutes were received and noted.
- FC/24/136 To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall and Facilities Committee meeting held on the 5th September 2024.**
The minutes were received and noted.
- FC/24/137 To receive and note the minutes of the Community Engagement and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 12th September 2024.**
The minutes were received and noted.
- FC/24/138 To receive and note the minutes of the Burial Committee meeting held on the 4th June 2024.**
The minutes were received and noted.
- FC/24/139 To exclude the press and public for personnel reasons.**
It was resolved to exclude the press and public for the following agenda item.
- FC/24/140 To receive applications for Town Council co-option.**
Members received two applications separately and asked questions of each applicant.
- FC/24/141 To readmit press and public.**
It was resolved to readmit the press and public.
- FC/24/142 To consider appointment of Councillor by co-option.**
Cllr Exton requested a secret ballot. The Town Clerk made the count and it was resolved that Martin Crawford-Price be co-opted onto Malmesbury Town Council.
Cllr Grant expressed thanks to the unsuccessful applicant stating that they are clearly dedicated to the Town.
- FC/24/143 To consider Malmesbury School Admissions Consultation Process for 2026-27 Entry as Stakeholder.**
Members reviewed the process that had been provided. Cllr James noted that there was no mention of Armed Forces Covenant. It was agreed that this will be forwarded to the School for inclusion.
- FC/24/144 To consider report from Riverside Community Centre Working Group.**
The report had been circulated to members, it was resolved that Malmesbury Town Council may respond to the offer made by Wiltshire Council to take over the lease of the Riverside by:
- (i) Emphasising again the request from Malmesbury Town Council that Wiltshire Council immediately reverses its decision to progress an early termination of the Riverside lease.
 - (ii) Restates its view that no such decision can be taken by Wiltshire Council without a strategic cost benefit analysis of community infrastructure requirements in Malmesbury taking account of already approved and expected housing development in the next Local Plan period to 2038.
 - (iii) Explaining the current offer is not adequate and outlining the improvements required to make it an adequate basis on which to progress discussions, including a commitment by Wiltshire Council not to give notice to terminate its lease on the Riverside before the end of May 2025.
 - (iv) Developing the Town Council's understanding of the CIL payments and likely Council Tax yield to Wiltshire Council on the occupation of new houses under

construction or where planning permission has already been approved in the Malmesbury Town Council area; these figures are set out in the Wiltshire Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

FC/24/145 To appoint member onto Personnel Sub-Committee.

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Drake to the Personnel Sub-Committee.

FC/24/146 To receive presentation form Cllr Ritchie on opportunities to develop physical signage in the Town.

Cllr Ritchie presented the findings of the report commissioned by the Town Team. It was resolved that this would be an agenda item at a future Full Council meeting to determine the way forwards.

FC/24/147 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;

- i. **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks**
No update received.
- ii. **Malmesbury Conservation Group**
Report circulated
- iii. **Malmesbury Town Team**
Report circulated.
- iv. **Malmesbury & District Twinning Association**
No update received.
- v. **Operational Flood Group**
No update received.
- vi. **Local Highways & Footpaths Improvements Group**
No update received.
- vii. **Local Youth Network Management Group**
Report circulated.
- viii. **Movies @ Malmesbury.**
No update received.
- ix. **Bus Service improvement**
No update received.
- x. **Health & Well-being Forum.**
Report circulated.
- xi. **Community Safety Forum**
No update received.
- xii. **Cotswolds National Landscape Board.**
Report circulated.

FC/24/148 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant.

Cllr Grant reported the following;

- The Local Plan is progressing.
- It is Cllr Grant's intention to 'call in' the development on the Sherston Road behind Parklands.
- Progress is hoped to be made with Persimmon homes concerning the footpath linking the Town with the Backbridge development.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner has been invited to the next Area Board meeting to talk about Community Safety Partnerships.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm