



MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Town Hall and Facilities Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **13th June 2024** at 7 pm.

Present: Councillors R Hastings, S D'Arcy, P Exton, S James, G Grant & L Crawford-Price

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk), Cllr Ritchie and two members of the public

TH&F/24/42 To receive declarations of interest

None received.

TH&F/24/43 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Sanderson.

TH&F/24/44 Public question time in respect of items included in this agenda

None received

TH&F/24/45 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April 2024.

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

TH&F/24/46 To receive income & expenditure report

The report was noted. Questions were asked about expenditure for outside areas improvements and town hall improvements were higher than expected. The Town Clerk explained this was for expenditure that had been agreed in the last financial year but had only recently been undertaken.

TH&F/24/47 To note TH&F project status report

The report was noted. No further additions were made at this point as many projects are currently underway but it was agreed that front of house lighting in the Assembly Room would be addressed in the near future.

TH&F/24/48 To consider display of U3A artwork following receipt of further information.

The U3A group had not passed on further information but it was agreed in principle that the artwork could be displayed at the discretion of the Town Council with the right to remove it if it deems it necessary.

TH&F/24/49 To consider use of Cuckingstool Mead for parking by Athelstan 1100 enactors.

Cllr Ritchie detailed the requirements of the enactors. It was agreed that their vehicles could park there as necessary.

TH&F/24/50 To consider request from Twinning Association to use the Haizmann pictures in the Gallery for the exhibition in September.

It was agreed to display the pictures in the Gallery during the Twinning exhibition.

TH&F/24/51 To consider permission to put a test pit in open space to the left of the St Aldhelm Mead gates at St John's bridge as part of the Athelstan's Big Dig.

Members resolved to allow the test dig to take place at the proposed site subject to health & safety requirements. A controlled area for the use of metal detectors was also agreed.

TH&F/24/52 To consider request for Community Yoga in St Aldhelm's Mead

Following discussion it was agreed that the Committee would allow the use of St Aldhelm's Mead for Community Yoga but that it does not like the term 'donation.' It was asked if this is a Commercial Enterprise and exactly how the money would be collected.

Further information is required and the decision to be made delegated to the Town Clerk, Chair & Deputy Chair of the Committee.

TH&F/24/53 To consider policy for use of Cloister Gardens.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Abbey is also a major stakeholder in this decision. A rate will be applied if it is used for commercial activity and not for profit groups can continue to use it free of charge.

The Town Clerk was asked to provide further information at the next meeting as to how other Council manage the hire of their open spaces.

It was resolved to bring item 14 forwards

TH&F/24/54 To consider display of artwork by the Malmesbury Textile Group.

It was agreed to display the artwork on the wall adjacent to the Hobbes Room but that the Council reserves the right to remove it at any point in the future.

TH&F/24/55 To consider formation of Working Group to determine feasibility of Pump Track/Skate Park facility in Malmesbury.

Two members of the public were in attendance to outline the work that they had undertaken thus far. A group of individuals made up of parents and children have been investigating the possibility of the installation of a Pump Track/Outdoor Skate Park. The simplest approach would be for the installation to take place on Town Council land.

Questions were asked about where this would be, what the aspirations of the group are, the timescale, what funding is available and how local consultation will be conducted.

It was resolved that a Working Group by the Town Council will be formed comprising parents on the existing group with two or three Councillors. Expressions of interest will be requested by the Town Clerk to all members of the Council.

A presentation will be made at the next Full Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm