

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Malmesbury on Tuesday 22nd May 2007 at 7pm.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J R Lawton
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A C R Woodcock
Councillors: B Denley, W G Blake, J A Bowen, S Cox, Mrs A L Davis,
Miss E A Davis, Mrs C C Doody, P J Goldstone, S Killane,
J E F Poole, R F Sanderson, M J Thomas, and C M Vernon

Apologies: None received

Attendance

Prayers were offered by Terry Riches of the United Reform Church

Mayoral Announcements

His Worship the Mayor informed members of the Town Council of a meeting he had attended at North Wiltshire District Council on the subject of play facilities for young persons. A fund of money was available to support relevant schemes and he expressed a desire that the relevant Standing Committees of Malmesbury Town Council would seek to take advantage of the funding.

Attention was drawn to a meeting on the subject of Fair Trade Towns. The Mayor invited all members of the Town Council to attend and consider how Malmesbury may achieve the status of a Fair Trade Town.

Public Question Time

No questions were submitted

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made

1. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 10th April 2007, as circulated, be received and adopted.

2. "One Council for Wiltshire"

All members of the Town Council had received copies of reports submitted by the Wiltshire County Council outlining their bid for unitary status as supported by North Wiltshire District Council. In addition, the Town Clerk had submitted a background report attached to the agenda as Report No.1.

The motion that the Malmesbury Town Council supports the County Council bid for unitary status was defeated. It was then resolved that in the absence of sufficient detailed information the Malmesbury Town Council felt unable to offer support for the bid as proposed by the County Council.

3. Representatives on Outside Bodies

A number of members of the Town Council had indicated a willingness to serve as representative on outside bodies approved by the Town Council. A report had been attached to the agenda as Report No.2 indicating the preferences of members. It was resolved that the allocation to serve as representatives of the Town Council on outside bodies as suggested in the report be agreed.

The Town Clerk advised that a vacancy existed for a Town Council representative on the Standards Committee of North Wiltshire District Council. In the absence of a volunteer it was resolved that Malmesbury Town Council would not submit a nomination.

4. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor R F Sanderson reported that the Transport Hub was now in operation and leaflets would be sent to the surrounding villages advising about the service.

5. Items of Correspondence

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a comment for the Highway Authority advising that the bollards at the lower High Street would be examined and a decision made about replacing those missing. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would request the presence of a Town Council representative be permitted at the site meeting.

A letter had been received from the District Council informing that the Fouling of Land by Dogs Order would come into effect on the 4th June 2007.

An invitation had been received to attend the seminar on "One Council for Wiltshire" to be held on 24th May at Devizes.

6. Public Question Time

No questions were raised.

Meeting closed at 20.10 hrs.