

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 10th July 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, S Cox, Mrs A L Davis, Mrs C C Doody,
P J Goldstone, S Killane, J E F Poole, R F Sanderson,
M H Snell, M J Thomas, and C M Vernon

APOLOGIES: Councillors J A Bowen, Miss E A Davis

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the press and one member of the public.

Prayers were offered by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A C R Woodcock

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chamber of Commerce were sponsoring an event at Abbey House Gardens to assist in raising funds for the replacement of the Christmas lights.
- The lack of a supportive response from local traders has resulted in the move towards making Malmesbury a “plastic bag free town” being postponed.
- The Carnival procession will take place on the 1st September with an invitation extended to all Town Councillors to join the event and assist with collections.
- An Environment Conference is to be held at the City Academy, Bristol on 13th October and an Environmental Awareness Day on 29th September at Stanton St Quinton.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were submitted

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made

7. MINUTES

Resolved that, subject to correction of Minute 1, the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting (Mayor Making) held on the 15th May 2007, as circulated, be received and adopted.

8. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 22nd May 2007 be received and adopted.

9. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee meetings held on 17th May, 29th May and 19th June 2007 be received and adopted.

17th May - Application 418 to read opposed for the same reason as the Application 419.

19th June - Minute 1 to be reconsidered by the committee at the next meeting to more accurately reflect the concerns expressed.

10. MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee meetings held on the 22nd May, 24th May and 28th June 2007 be received and adopted.

22nd May - Councillor P J Goldstone to be added to those present.

24th May - Minute 6. Councillor Snell expressed concern about the condition and state of readiness of the play area at Newnton Grove and requested that Westlea Housing Association and the North Wiltshire District Council be contacted to ensue a swift resolution to the problem before the school holidays.

11. MINUTES OF JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Joint Burial Committee held on 4th June be received.

12. MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 22nd May and 5th June 2007 be received and adopted.

5th June - Min 4. Councillor Vernon reported that a local company had been invited to provide a quotation for consideration by the Christmas Lights Working Group.

RESOLVED that the items identified in Minute 5. Be carried forward into the budget for 2007/8 or moved into earmarked funds as appropriate.

RESOLVED that the sum of £300 be paid to the Malmesbury and District Twinning Association as grant for 2005/6

13. MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee held on 22nd May and 14th June 2007 be received and adopted.

14TH June - Minute 39 Malmesbury Garden Centre had agreed the use of their car park to facilitate short term parking for up to four coaches.

RESOLVED that Councillor W G Blake be the representative of the Town Council on the Malmesbury and District Chamber of Commerce.

14. REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor C M Vernon, Chair of Policy and Resources Committee reported that the Accounts Sub-Committee had met earlier to examine the accounts that were found to be in order.

15. REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT 2007

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Town Clerk on the Revised Code of Conduct for Town and Parish Councils. It was **RESOLVED** that the Revised Code of Conduct be adopted by the Malmesbury Town Council, including the provisions of paragraphs 10(2)(c)(i) and (ii), 11 and 12(2).

16. FAIR TRADE TOWN STATUS FOR MALMESBURY

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Town Clerk on the proposal to pursue Fair Trade Town Status for Malmesbury. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council supports the move to Fair Trade Town Status and the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee becomes the sponsoring committee to achieve the objective.

17. SMOKE FREE POLICY

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Town Clerk on the adoption of a Smoke Free Policy. It was **RESOLVED** that the policy attached to the report be approved and adopted by the Town Council.

18. REPORT FROM TOWN HALL PROJECT BOARD

Councillor J R Lawton, Chair of the Town Hall Project Board, advised Council that five companies had expressed an interest in undertaking the refurbishment of the Town Hall and detailed tender documents would be sent early next week. He also advised the Town Council that the previously agreed location for a taxi rank at the front of the Town Hall could impact upon the marketing of the area of the building identified for commercial use and the Town Clerk had contacted the North Wiltshire District Council to seek clarification.

19. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor C M Vernon reported that the Conservation Appraisal and Management Plan had been published and used as supplementary planning guidance.
Councillor R F Sanderson reported on behalf of the Malmesbury and Villages Community Partnership that the Transport Hub was now operational.
Councillor R F Sanderson reported on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership and informed the Council that two closed circuit television cameras were being sited in Malmesbury for a period of three months as part of a free trial of the system

20. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk advised Council that he had received the Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Annual Plan 2007 and the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust Annual Report 2006/7. The documents will be available for perusal at the Town Council Offices.

21. PUBLIC QUESTIONTIME

There were no public questions.

Meeting closed at 20.25 hrs.