

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 11th September 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, Mrs C C Doody, S Cox,
P J Goldstone, S Killane, M H Snell, M J Thomas, and
C M Vernon

APOLOGIES: Councillors R F Sanderson, and J E F Poole

NON ATTENDANCE Councillors Mrs A Davis and Miss E Davis

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the press and two members of the public.

Prayers were offered by Mr Alf Prater of the Kings Church, Malmesbury

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councillor R F Sanderson has organised a fundraising event at the Red Bull on the 5th October, commencing at 7.30pm. The object is to raise funds for the Mayoral Appeal and a heart monitor for use in the baby unit at Chippenham.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr I Henderson, a Parish Councillor from St Paul's Malmesbury Without, raised a question about the financing for the refurbishment of the Town Hall and queried if it would be too late to revisit the design plans. His Worship the Mayor replied, providing details about the consultation that had taken place with tax payers of Malmesbury and the regular users of the Town Hall and confirmed that as work was due to commence within seven days, revisiting the design was not an option.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made

24. MINUTES

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

25. MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee meeting held on the 11th July 2007 be received and adopted.

26. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee held on the 12th and 31st July and 21st August 2007 be received and adopted. The Chair, Councillor J A Bowen expressed his thanks to Councillor M H Snell for taking over as committee chair during the period of his incapacity.

27. MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 7th August 2007 be received and adopted.

Min 8 Councillor C M Vernon drew members attention to the impact the imposition of Value Added Tax would have upon local clubs and societies and it was RESOLVED that the actions of the Policy & Resources Committee in seeking a temporary reduction in hire fees be supported.

28. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Resolved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on the 30th August 2007 be received and adopted.

29. 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.

30. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor J A Bowen reported on behalf of the Hospital Project Board that the site of the pedestrian crossing had now been agreed and the type of crossing would be notified in due course. In addition, a stone wall had been removed from the site boundary but this would be replaced in a similar style and with decorative railings.

Councillor C M Vernon reported that the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils hoped to have a speaker at the AGM on the subject of a Unitary Council for Wiltshire.

Councillor C M Vernon advised Council that a total of 19 individuals had visited the Town Hall as part of the Heritage Open Day.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk advised Council that he had received correspondence from Mr Slade, a taxi operator in Malmesbury, on the subject of a relocation of the Taxi rank from outside of the Town Hall. At the invitation of the Town Mayor Mr Slade was invited to address the Council. He explained that the better location for a rank would be in the Market Cross area and this suggestion was supported by the Town Council although the issue was referred to the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee for further consideration. The Town Clerk was authorised to advise the District Council accordingly.

32. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was raised about the likely publication date for the newsletter. The Town Mayor indicated that he had resigned from producing the newsletter and Councillor W G Blake volunteered to take over the task.

Meeting closed at 20.05 hrs.