

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J R Lawton  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A C R Woodcock  
Councillors: W G Blake, Mrs A L Davis, P J Goldstone, M H Snell,  
M J Thomas, and C M Vernon

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J A Bowen, S Cox, B Denley, Mrs C C Doody,  
S Killane, R F Sanderson, and J E F Poole.

**NON ATTENDANCE** Councillor Miss E Davis

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the press and one member of the public.

Prayers were offered by Rev. Mike Noah of Malmesbury Abbey.

### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- His Worship the Mayor extended thanks to the members of the Town Council who attended the Remembrance Service in Malmesbury Abbey.
- Town Councillors wishing to comment upon the new website for the Town Council should do so by the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor C M Vernon declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute 26 of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

### **34. MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007, as circulated, be received and adopted.

### **35. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 be received and adopted.

### **36. MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 be received and adopted.

**Min 66:** Councillor P J Goldstone reported that following the withdrawal of Made in Stroud the Farmers Market was now being held under the umbrella of Wiltshire Farmers Markets and there had been a good attendance the previous Saturday. Thanks were expressed to P Rice, the Deputy Town Clerk, for his work in ensuring continuance of the market.

**Min 67:** Councillor A C R Woodcock informed the Council that in order to secure external funding the project for Malmesbury to become a Fair Trade Town the steering group should not be managed by the Town Council.

**37. MINUTES OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE**

Resolved that the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007 be received.

**38. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL**

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007 be received and adopted.

**39. MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007 be received and adopted.

**40. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Councillor C M Vernon advised the Council that over £1,600 had been received in donations towards the Christmas Lights. He then retired from the Council Chamber in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 be received and adopted.

**Min 26:** Councillor Mrs A L Davis presented the agreed recommendation from the committee and it was RESOLVED that the terms proposed for extending the rent free period of occupation by the Friends of Athelstan Museum be approved.

Councillor C M Vernon was readmitted to the Council Chamber.

**41. 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.

**42. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR W G BLAKE ON THE FUTURE OF THE MINOR INJURIES UNIT**

Councillor W G Blake presented his report previously circulated as Report No.1. He explained that the Wiltshire Primary Care Trust had indicated that there would only be Minor Injuries Units retained at Chippenham and Trowbridge resulting in excess travel for residents of Malmesbury. He proposed that the Town Clerk write to the Primary Care Trust expressing the concern of the Town Council and requesting the decision be reconsidered.

The proposition was seconded and approved by the Town Council.

**43. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor W G Blake reported from the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and advised the Council that the members of the Chamber had indicated support for a properly managed French Market to visit Malmesbury.

**44. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk advised Council that he had received an invitation via Malmesbury Internet Ltd for members to attend a presentation being made on the subject of a Portal for Malmesbury being held in the Malmesbury Primary School on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 19.30 hrs..

**45. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A question was raised by Susan Vincent of Bristol Road requesting information about the gas explosion in the Horsefair and why progress for reinstatement was not being made. It was explained that the Town Council would write to the relevant organisations and advise her of the outcome.

**Meeting closed at 19.55 hrs.**