

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J R Lawton
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A C R Woodcock
Councillors: W G Blake, J A Bowen, S Cox, Mrs C C Doody, S Killane,
J E F Poole, R F Sanderson, and C M Vernon

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Denley, P J Goldstone, M H Snell and M J Thomas.

NON ATTENDANCE Councillors Miss E Davis and Mrs A L Davis

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the press.

Prayers were offered by Father George .

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- His Worship the Mayor extended thanks to the members of the Town Council and staff who supported the event held at the Rajah Restaurant in aid of the Bangladeshi Appeal where over £2,000 had been raised. The owner of the restaurant had offered to run a similar event for the Mayor's Charity.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors C M Vernon and Mrs C C Doody declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute 26 of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 30th October 2007.

46. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13th November 2007, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 45 The Town Clerk reported that following correspondence with the Health & Safety Executive an offer had been received to hold a public meeting on the 23rd January to explain the actions taken and the programme for restoring the Horsefair. The Council confirmed support for such a meeting and instructed the Town Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

47. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee held on the 15th November, 4th and 18th December 2007 be received and adopted.

48. MINUTES OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

Resolved that the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee meeting held on the 19th November 2007 be received and noted. The Chair of the Committee thanked the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for the presentation of the financial reports.

49. MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee meeting held on the 22nd November 2007 be received and adopted.

Min 70 - It was agreed that the membership of a steering group to consider the celebrations for the 2010 anniversary of Eilmer's flight be from Town Promotions and Tourism Committee.

50. MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee meeting held on the 27th November 2007 be received and adopted.

Min 33 - It was reported that £25,000 had been received from the Lottery Fund to assist with providing equipment at Reeds Farm.

Min 34- The Chair reported that he would be attending a site meeting with representatives of Westlea Housing Association on the 21st January 2008.

Councillors C M Vernon and Mrs C C Doody left the Council Chamber for the next item of business.

51. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 11th December 2007 be received and adopted.

Min 30- The Town Clerk reported that he had accepted a revised offer of £50 for the grant of a wayleave

Min 32- The Council agreed with the recommendation made by committee that the Town Council would enter into a contract to secure the building works required to the Athelstan museum subject to the funding being transferred to the Town Council.

Councillor C M Vernon was readmitted into the Council Chamber.

52. 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.

53. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR W G BLAKE ON THE CONDITION OF THE RAILINGS ON THE TOWN BRIDGE

Councillor W G Blake presented his report previously circulated as Report No.2. It was identified that the bridge is correctly named the St John's Bridge rather than the Town Bridge. He proposed that the Town Clerk write to the local County Councillor expressing the concern of the Town Council and requesting that adequate funding be placed in the Wiltshire County Council's budget to enable the work to be undertaken in 2007/8.

The proposition was seconded and approved by the Town Council.

54. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor R F Sanderson advised that on the 16th July 10 children would be visiting Malmesbury together with a teacher and care worker.

Councillor R F Sanderson advised that he was not at the last meeting of Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership but that a Transport Hub meeting was being arranged and road safety issues had been highlighted in the Community Plan.

Councillor Blake reported on the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce especially the suggested joint approach towards policing within the town.

55. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk advised that there were no items specifically for consideration by the Town Council.

56. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions

Meeting closed at 20.25 hrs.