

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Market Room, Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 27th May 2008 at 7pm.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A C R Woodcock
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs C C Doody,
Councillors: W G Blake, J A Bowen, Mrs A L Davis, P J Goldstone,
J R Lawton, R F Sanderson, M J Thomas, and C M Vernon.

Apologies: Councillor B Denley, S Cox, S Killane, J E F Poole, and M H Snell.

Attendance

Prayers were offered by the Rev Neil Archer of the Malmesbury Abbey.

Mayoral Announcements

His Worship the Mayor informed members of the Town Council that Councillor Brian Denley had now served a total of 40 continuous years as a Town Councillor.

Public Question Time

On behalf of a resident the Town Council was asked if it would support a petition to the Highway Authority for traffic calming measures in Alexandra Road and Park Road. The Town Council supported the request but felt more information would be required and the issue should be discussed at the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee.

A request was made that following attendance at Area 1 Committee the representative from the Town Council would provide the council with a brief report. It was agreed that this approach would be adopted.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made

7. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 11th March 2008 as circulated, be received and adopted.

8. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council (All Electors) meeting held on the 15th April 2008 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 70 – Councillor R F Sanderson reported that the funding requested had been secured from North Wiltshire District Council.

9. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council (Mayor Making) meeting held on the 13th May 2008 as circulated, be received and adopted.

10. Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee meetings held on the 8th and 29th April 2008 as circulated, be received and adopted.

11. Minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee meeting held on the 3rd April 2008 as circulated, be received and adopted.

12. Minutes of Town Promotion and Tourism Committee

The Town Clerk reported that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April would be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

13. 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 but had found a duplicate payment had been made. The issue would be discussed at the next meeting of Policy and Resources Committee

14. Report from Chair of Town Hall Project Board

Councillor J R Lawton updated the Town Council on progress and reported that the original preferred tenant for the commercial letting had wanted to substantially alter the draft heads of Terms but a previous applicant had now returned with a revised business plan. The Council resolved that the latter now be offered the opportunity to accept the Heads of Terms. Councillor Blake informed the Town Council that he had received expressions of concern from local organisations concerning affordability. Councillor Blake was advised that hire rates would be set by the Town Hall Management Committee.

15. Reports from Outside Bodies

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – Councillor C M Vernon reported that at the meeting information had been given that the Department of Communities and Local Government had embarked upon consultation about the next regular period of election following move to unitary status. The Town Council resolved that the preferred option for the election period was as originally stated.

Public Transport – Councillor Mrs C C Doody reported that the new bus timetables had caused some concerns but they would be reviewed after a few months. The need for bus passes to be operational before 9.30am to allow transport to hospitals would be tabled for discussion.

Twinning Association – Councillor R F Sanderson reported that there would be a reception for the children from Malmesbury South Africa who are visiting the town between the 17th and 29th July.

16. Items of Correspondence

The Town Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the District Council confirming that an election had not been called for and therefore cooption could be used to appoint a new Town Councillor.

Following the enforced closure of the Pre School a letter had been received asking for compensation. It was resolved by the Town Council that the Town Clerk should request additional information and then refer the item to the Town Hall Management Committee.

A request had been received from a member of staff for reimbursement of expenditure incurred on cleaning an item of clothing as a consequence of the refurbishment of the Town Hall. It was agreed that the cost be reimbursed.

17. Public Question Time

No questions received.

Meeting closed at 20.20 hrs.