

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Malting Hall, Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 16th November 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, S Cox, P Dove, P J Goldstone,
S Killane, J R Lawton, R F Sanderson, M H Snell, M J Thomas,
and C M Vernon.

Apologies: Councillor J E F Poole

In Attendance Two member of the press and four members of the public.

Prayers were offered by Rev Mike Noah of the Malmesbury Abbey

Mayoral Announcements

His Worship the Mayor thanked members of the Town Council for their attendance at the recent service of remembrance held in Malmesbury Abbey.

Public Question Time

Questions were tabled but for further information see the Leisure & Youth section of these minutes.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

49. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 16th September 2008, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Minute 34 - Councillor S Cox expressed his concern that the costs of using the gallery/exhibition space were proving too expensive for local amateur groups. Councillor J A Bowen, Chair of Town Hall Management Committee, replied that all charges were currently under review.

Minute 36 – Councillor W G Blake enquired if the Town Clerk had received a response from the County Council about highway maintenance. The Town Clerk advised that no reply had been received.

50. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on the 27th August and 15th October 2008, as circulated, be received and adopted.

51. Minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee meeting held on the 5th August 2008 as circulated, be received and adopted.

52. Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee meetings held on the 23rd September and 14th October 2008, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Item 9/08 – concern was expressed about the continuing nuisance caused by anti-social behaviour in the long stay car park

53. Minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism meeting held on 25th September 2008 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Minute 29 – Councillor Cox advised the Town Council that arrangements had been agreed for local charities to have a stall at the Farmers Market.

54. Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 7th October 2008, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Minute 19- Councillor Vernon advised the Council that the Service Level Agreement with the Joint Burial Committee ended on the 31st March 2009. The Town Clerk had prepared report to be considered at the next meeting and the indications were that the costs to the Town Council greatly exceeded the payment received from the Joint Burial Committee.

Minute 20 - Councillor Vernon informed the Council that the Christmas lights would be positioned during the week commencing 24th November 2008.

55 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 and had found all to be in order.

56. Town Hall Project Board

Cllr J Lawton informed the Town Council that the professional team were continuing in their endeavours to reach agreement with the building contractor and funding was being sought from a variety of sources in order that further improvements could be considered.

57. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Cllr Bowen advised that booklets had been received identifying locations for recycling and that these would be available from the Tourist Information Centre..

CCTV – Councillor R F Sanderson advised Council that the CCTV cameras would be moved into a new location within the next few days. Councillor Cox expressed

concern about vandalism and damage to property caused to premises in Abbey Row which were out of site of the cameras.

Malmesbury and Villages Community Partnership – Councillor Sanderson informed Council that survey forms were being sent out requesting items to be considered for inclusion in the next Community Plan for 2009- 2013. Councillor Blake stated that the Newsletter would include reference to the forms.

“This council draws the attention of the county council to the urgent retention of bus services in the area particularly in respect of the impact that loss of services could have on those particularly older people needing to attend the new health centre”.

58. Items of Correspondence

The Town Clerk advised that survey forms would be available for the M&VCP at the reception desk in the Town Hall.

59. Public Question Time

There were no public questions raised.

60. Exclusion of Press and Public

His Worship the Mayor proposed that in view of the nature of the following items of business all members of the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting. The proposal was duly seconded and approved and all members of the press and public left the meeting.

61. Code of Conduct

The Town Clerk addressed the Town Council and advised Councillors that infringements of the Code of Conduct would be dealt with by the Standards Committee and ultimately reported to the Standards Board. He reminded Councillors that behaviour and comments about individuals within Council meetings were not protected by any privilege and provide an example by reference to problems experienced by another Town Council. Arrangements would be made for a DVD to be shown providing assistance in understanding the requirements of the Code of Conduct.

62. Co-option of Town Councillors

Four applicants who had expressed an interest in joining the Town Council were interviewed by the Councillors and it was RESOLVED that Mr Andy Stamp and Mr Andrew Carnegie be co-opted onto Malmesbury Town Council

Meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.