

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in the Malting Hall, Town Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at 7pm.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A C R Woodcock,
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs C C Doody
Councillors: W G Blake, S Cox, P Dove, P J Goldstone, S Killane,
J R Lawton, J E F Poole, R F Sanderson, A Stamp, M H Snell,
M J Thomas and C M Vernon.

Apologies: Councillor J A Bowen, A Carnegie.

In Attendance One member of the press.

Prayers were offered by Terry Riches from the United Reform Church

Mayoral Announcements

His Worship the Mayor thanked all of those who had supported his Mayoral Ball.

Public Question Time

There were no public questions at this stage.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

78. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 6th January 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

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 a reply had been received and details will be circulated to all members.

Minute 72 - Councillor S Cox enquired if a response had been received about controlling racism in public houses. The Town Clerk replied that no response had been received.

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on the 3rd February 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Minute 75 - Several Councillors expressed concern that the site selected for the play area in Reeds Farm would be adversely affected by ground water and may require draining in the future at a cost to Malmesbury Town Council.

79. Minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Youth Committee held on the 8^h January and 26th February 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Minute 46 - In response to a question on the progress of the community orchard Councillor Killane advised that no further information had been received.

Minute 58 - Councillor Goldstone drew attention to a correction required in that the YMCA meeting would be held on Thursday 19th March and not Friday as it appeared in the minutes.

80. Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee meetings held on the 13th and 27th January 2009 and 19th February 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Minute 2 (10/07) - Councillor Goldstone drew attention to a correction required, the item referred to a seat not steps as indicated in the minute.

Blicks Hill - Councillor Blake advised that the complaints about parking issues in Blicks Hill were being dealt with by Councillor Snell.

Minute 6 - It was suggested that the Warden and Freeman be approached to ensure that the tenant of their property did not leave refuse bins in Market Lane or permit staff to park cars in market Lane. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact the Police to establish what enforcement action could be taken in advance of any yellow lines being installed. The Town Clerk was also instructed to contact the Highway Authority to ensure the missing bollard was replaced and in the interim the temporary repair to the hole made good.

81. Minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee held on the 26th January 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Councillor Lawton advised the Council that at the next meeting of the committee he would be suggesting a revised charging regime for the Town Hall and obtained authority for the new charges to be implemented as soon as possible subject to agreement with the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee and the Town Clerk.

Minute 33 – Councillor Goldstone drew attention to a correction required, the item referred to Manager not Manger as indicated in the minute.

82. Minutes of the Joint Burial Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee held on 9th February 2009 as circulated, be noted.

83. Minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee

Resolved that the draft minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism meeting held on 18th February 2009 as amended by the Chair of the Committee be received and adopted.

Minute 44 - Councillor Goldstone advised that he was in conversation with operators to judge the level of interest.

Minute 49 - Councillor Goldstone advised that the signs for Fairtrade Town were not approved even though the County Councillor indicated that it had been agreed.

84. Minutes of the Selection Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Selection Committee meeting held on the 10th February 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that that Councillor Mrs C C Doody be appointed to the office of Town Mayor for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

85. Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on the 17th February 2009, as circulated, be received and adopted.

86. 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.

87. Town Hall Project Board

Cllr J Lawton informed the Town Council that there were currently two potential expressions of interest in the commercial space within the Town Hall.

88. Reports from Outside Bodies

Councillor Sanderson reported from the following:
North Wilts District Council – the last meeting would be held on the 24th March
Area Board – the bus stops are to be provided by the County Council provided Malmesbury Town Council contributes towards the costs.
CCTV – the monitoring equipment is to be relocated to the Police Station.
M&VCP – a community day would be held in the Town hall on the 25th April

89. Items of Correspondence

The Town Clerk advised that a reminder had been received for the return of any comments on the draft handbook for Area Boards.

Councillor Goldstone enquired why the invitation to participate in the community day had not been reported. The Town Clerk advised that no communication had been received.

90. Public Question Time

There were no public questions raised but his Worship the Mayor invited the Council to pay tribute to the work undertaken by Mrs Gould who was leaving the Town Council after five years of service. .

Meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.