

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Assembly Room Malmesbury on Tuesday 26<sup>h</sup> May 2009 at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs C C Doody  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor P J Goldstone  
Councillors: W G Blake, A Carnegie, S Cox, J P Dove, S Killane, J R Lawton, J E F Poole, R F Sanderson, A Stamp, M J Thomas, C M Vernon and A C R Woodcock

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: J A Bowen, M H Snell

**NON ATTENDANCE:** -

**IN ATTENDANCE:** No member of the public and one member of the press.

Prayers were offered by Councillor Woodcock.

### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor C C Doody announced the following:

- The visit to RAF Lyneham on 16 June where up to nine members may attend and members were reminded that the deadline for positive replies is 28 May. In the absence of the Town Clerk, could you please contact the Deputy Town Clerk.
- She asked Cllr Sanderson to forward her thanks to the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds for its sponsorship the Young Citizen of the Year won this year by Luke Dicker. Meanwhile Arthur Pound was our Citizen of the Year.
- Sadly the Beating of the Bounds had to be cancelled because of the poor weather but it may be re-scheduled.
- Members were reminded of the concert by the Malmesbury Singers in the Abbey on 4 July with all profits going to the Town Hall fund. She mentioned that she may need help on the night.
- She expressed thanks to the staff for the smooth running of Mayor Making and mentioned some very positive remarks from the Mayor of Chippenham.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions were asked

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL COUNCILS (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007**

No declarations were made.

### **1 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2009**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17 March 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

MINUTE 6 Members asked why the refuse containers in Market Lane are kept on the highway and the deputy town clerk explained the impasse that the Town Clerk had suffered when he took the matter up with Wiltshire Council. Members asked that the matter be further pursued.

**2 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (ALL ELECTORS) HELD ON 14 APRIL 2009**

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting (All Electors) held on the 14 April 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Cllr Poole expressed concern that only one member of the public attended and members agreed that the meeting needs to be fully advertised.

**3 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2009**

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting held on the 14 April 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

**4 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (MAYOR MAKING) HELD ON 12 MAY 2009**

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting (Mayor Making) held on the 12 May 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

**5 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES MEETINGS HELD ON 21 APRIL AND 14 MAY 2009**

Firstly Cllr Blake thanked members for re-electing him as chair and thanked Cllr Snell for stepping in his shoes at both the last meeting and the forthcoming one on 2 June.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning & Environmental Issues Meetings held on the 21 April and 14 May 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

The Mayor asked about the potential parking passes for parents of pupils at St Joseph's School and was informed that the matter appears to have been put on hold until October although Cllr Sanderson felt this was not the case and he felt that the matter would be resolved shortly.

Cllr Poole advised that the new sign is now up in St John Street.

**6 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 MARCH 2009**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Hall Management Meeting held on the 18 March 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Asked a question about the lights in the toilet area, Councillor Vernon replied that there were still a number of issues outstanding with the contractors including the one mentioned. These are actively being pursued.

Councillor Lawton advised members of the room hire calculator now available on the website. He also mentioned that the recently heavily distributed leaflet was beginning to reap its rewards. He also mentioned that there had been a request for use of the gallery on a commission basis which will be considered at the next meeting.

**7 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTIONS AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 APRIL 2009**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Hall Management Meeting held on the 18 March 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Councillor Goldstone advised members of the busy year ahead and was able to advise the success of the recent French Market and thanked the deputy town clerk and our two ground workers for their contribution to the event's success. However amongst the positive comments there was some concern about access to buildings down towards Abbey Gardens.

Helped by the good weather St Aldhelm's Day was more successful than it had been for a number of years and the attendance of folk dancers from Gien was an unexpected but welcome bonus.

Councillor Goldstone will investigate a question about sponsorship letters for Bloom in Malmesbury.

**8 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 28 APRIL 2009-05-26**

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Meeting held on the 28 April 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Councillor Vernon advised members that one of our ground workers has had his working hours increased.

**9 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACCOUNTS SUB COMMITTEE FOLLOWING EXAMINATION OF THE CHEQUES**

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.

**10 TO CONSIDER A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN HALL PROJECT BOARD**

Councillor Lawton covered progress and initiatives in respect of the Hobbes Parlour and the Malting Room where it is hoped that work will be completed within the next two weeks or so. He also advised that he had received the go ahead in principle from the planners to replace the carpet tiles on the ground floor with a resin material.

Additionally work on the flat room area will commence shortly.

Having first congratulated Councillor Lawton on behalf of MTC for the tremendous effort he had put into the project, Councillor Vernon In view of the commercially sensitive nature of the remaining items under this subject proposed, had seconded and it was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the remaining part of the business under this topic.

Councillor Vernon updated members with the discussions and negotiations that have taken place with the main contractor and our professional advisors and outlined the potential way forward and it was resolved to increase the financial limit to be payable to the main contractors.

**11 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Sanderson advised that a group of deprived and disadvantaged children from Malmesbury, South Africa will be here between 6-20 July and a list of functions will be distributed.

Councillor Goldstone advised that he had recently attended an Area Board workshop and felt that this will operate similarly to the old area committees although meetings will be held theatre style.

Councillor Blake asked if representatives of outside bodies had been considered for the forthcoming civic year and if not could it be determined at the next Policy & Resources Committee.

**12 TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

There had been a letter received earlier today from a local resident concerned about the new Reeds Farm play area which will be acknowledged and then dealt with at the next Leisure & Youth Committee meeting. Councillor Killane took the opportunity of explaining what he had been doing regarding this in recent weeks.

**13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Poole was concerned about the late receipt of the latest newsletter particularly as it detailed events due to take place within a day or so of members receiving their copies for distribution. Cllr Blake advised that every effort was made to get these out on time.

**Meeting closed at 20.15 hrs.**