

## **Malmesbury Town Council**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Malting Hall, Malmesbury Town Hall, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 at 7.30pm.

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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: R F Sanderson
- NON ATTENDANCE:** Councillor M Thomas
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Sergeant M Alvis (Wiltshire Constabulary)  
Nine members of the public and two member of the press.

Prayers were offered by Andrew Dickinson of the Kings Church, Malmesbury.

### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Her Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Mrs C C Doody, mentioned the sudden death of Councillor John Bowen and invited all present to stand in memory of his dedication to and work for the town of his birth.

### **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.

### **PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

At the invitation of Her Worship the Mayor, Sergeant M Alvis of the Wiltshire Constabulary provided a presentation on the Community Speed Watch scheme and explained the how Towns and Parishes could assist in educating motorists to adhere to speed limits, particularly in the approaches to the town.

At the conclusion of the presentation it was RESOLVED that the subject be passed to the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee for further consideration.

#### **14. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

#### **15. MINUTES OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2009, as circulated, be received.

**Min 7 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - the Chair informed the Council that the problems with the long stay car park had been raised as an issue to the Area Board.

**Min 5 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - the Chair drew attention to the presentation to committee by a development company.

Oxford Street blighted by hoarding and for sale boards. The issue referred to Planning and Environmental Issues Committee for consideration of any action.

**16. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as circulated, be received.

**17. MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Town Hall Management Committee held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as circulated be received.

The thanks of the Council were given to Councillors Mrs C C Doody and C M Vernon and Mrs Vernon for their work in painting the Malting Hall. Her Worship the Mayor thanked Councillor J R Lawton for ensuring progress was being maintained and announced that there would be an exhibition of the work of the late Councillor John Bowen displayed in the Gallery.

**18. MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTIONS AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as circulated, be received.

**Min 5** – the Chair informed the Council that additional promotional material would be installed before the event.

**19. MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Youth Committee held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 as circulated be received.

**Min 4** – the Council was advised that the organisation now holding the event on St Aldhelms Mead was Malmesbury Carnival Ltd and not Malmesbury Carnival Committee. In view of the uncertainty the Town Council referred this item to be considered at an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council to be called as soon as possible.

**20. EXAMINATION OF THE CHEQUES**

Councillor C M Vernon, Chair of Policy and Resources Committee, reported that he had met earlier with the Vice-Chair to examine the accounts and had found all to be in order.

## **21. FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The Town Clerk presented a report on the condition of the external public conveniences. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that once the closed circuit television system had been installed in the ground floor of the Town Hall the external conveniences will be closed and a further report presented about the potential for refurbishment or reuse for other purposes. Councillor M H Snell wished his vote be recorded as being against the proposal. It was also RESOLVED that once the CCTV had been installed the ground floor facilities in the Town hall would then be available for use by the general public but only during normal office hours.

## **22. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Council received the recommendations from the Selection Committee on the appointments to outside bodies and it was RESOLVED that they be accepted with the addition of Councillor A C R Woodcock being the representative to the Malmesbury and St Paul Without Residents' Association and Councillor J E F Poole as deputy.

## **23. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor C M Vernon reported that at the last meeting of Wiltshire Association of Local Councils the Chief Constable had presented a paper on the police pledge to keep communities better informed.

Councillor P Dove reported that at the meeting of Malmesbury and Villages Community Partnership he had been elected as Treasurer and Councillor R F Sanderson as Vice Chair.

Councillor S Killane updated the Town Council on his role as a Unitary Councillor.

## **24. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr E Palmer of the Malmesbury and St Pauls Without Residents' Association enquired if any thought had been given to requesting financial assistance from the Wiltshire Council to assist with the provision of public conveniences. Councillor Killane replied that he would look into the potential for grants.

Councillor Cox questioned what was happening about the repainting of the railings near the Town Bridge. The Mayor replied that the problem had been raised with the then County Council and perhaps it should now be elevated as an issue to be considered by the Area Board.

## **25. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the nature of the remaining items of business it was duly proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded.

## **26. TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT**

The Chair of the Project Board and the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee provided members of the Town Council with an update on the expenditure on the project and the current situation with the main contractor. It was RESOLVED that an additional £50,000 (fifty thousand pound) be made available to undertake works of refurbishment and improvement required in the Old School Room.

**27. LEASE AT FLYING MONK PLAYING FIELD**

The Town Clerk advised the Council that one of the tenants at the Flying Monk Playing Field had refused to accept a clause being inserted in the new lease aimed at providing some control over parking disputes that may occur between the three tenants. The Town Council RESOLVED that the clause should be included and that a meeting be called with the tenant to ascertain the reason for their reluctance to accept the new clause.

The Town Clerk withdrew from the meeting whilst the next item of business was discussed.

**28. MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July be agreed and adopted and the recommendation contained in minute 05 of that committee be APPROVED.

**Meeting closed at 22.20 hrs.**