

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Malting Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P J Goldstone  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Cox  
Councillors: W G Blake, A Carnegie, Mrs J Cavendish, Mrs C C Doody,  
I Henderson, S Killane, J R Lawton, R F Sanderson,  
M H Snell, A Stamp, C M Vernon and A C R Woodcock.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors JE F Poole and Mrs R Miles,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** No members of the press or public were present

Prayers were offered by Councillor A C R Woodcock

### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P J Goldstone invited the members of the Town Council to join him in welcoming Councillor Mrs Julie Cavendish, a newly elected Town Councillor. He advised members of the death of Max Woosnom, a past Mayor of Malmesbury, and of the illness of Jane Winch. Councillor Goldstone took the opportunity to request that all Councillors adhere to the protocols agreed to be observed at meetings of the Town Council. Members of the Town Council were reminded to return their forms indicating committee preferences for the next Civic Year and to send the Town Clerk any details they wished to be taken into consideration in the event they were willing to stand for the office of Town Mayor or Deputy Town Mayor.

The Mayor then reported on the engagements he had attended during the last two months, including the Awards Evening at Malmesbury School

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Councillor a Carnegie raised a question to enquire if the Town Council would be marking the forthcoming royal wedding. His Worship the Mayor responded by inviting councillors to submit to him any ideas or suggestions as how the Town could be involved.

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

There were no declarations of interest

#### **51. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

#### **52. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010, as circulated, be received and noted.

**54. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

**Min 16** - Councillor Blake enquired about the grass causing damage to the safety surfacing in Reeds Farm play area. The Town Clerk advised that the maintenance team would address any problems found on inspection.

**Min 16** – Councillor Lawton enquired if prices had been received for the aerial runway in St Aldhelm’s Mead. The Town Clerk advised that prices had been received but a stainless steel version had now been produced.

**55. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010 AND 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environmental Issues Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted.

**Min 133** – Councillor Lawton enquired if there was any news about the Eilmer Bridge. The Council was advised that the project had been refused funding by the Area Board. His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that he would be meeting with the project leader to discuss options available.

**Min 145** – Councillor Sanderson advised that a meeting would be arranged with Councillors Blake and Stamp to evaluate the findings of the Traffic Calming Survey.

**56. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 as circulated, be received and adopted.

**Apologies:** Councillor A C R Woodcock advised that he had given his apologies but they had not been recorded in the minutes.

**Min 37** – Councillor Lawton enquired about the source of funding for the Alive and Kicking event. Councillor Mrs Doody responded that the event was originally planned as joint venture with the liability being split equally between the Council and Chamber of Commerce.

**Min 40** – Councillor Lawton advised that although 13 positive responses had been received the Chair of the Area Board had informed him that the percentage was too low for the scheme to be considered.

**Min 42** – Councillor Mrs Doody informed the Council that the Eilmer dinner had realised a surplus in excess of £1,000 which would assist in reducing the Eilmer deficit.

**Min 43** – Councillor Blake proposed that the Rev Archer be approached to see if the Abbey could be made available for use by the Farmers’ Market. It was RESOLVED that the item be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Town Promotion and Tourism committee

**Min 45** – Councillor Sanderson enquired if sponsorship requests would be sent out and was advised that letters would be distributed soon.

**57. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

**58. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

**59. EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS**

Councillor C M Vernon, Chair of Policy and Resources Committee, reported that he had examined the payments in the company of the Vice-Chair and found all to be in order.

**60. THE LOCALISM BILL**

The Town Clerk presented a report on the main implications of the recently published Localism Bill, advising the Town Council on potential impact upon the town and parish councils as well as first tier authorities. His Worship the Mayor reported on a meeting he attended in Devizes where it had been clarified that Town Councils would be expected to take the lead in establishing a Town/community Plan. Wiltshire Council was considering allocating a dedicated Planning Officer to assist in the process.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> February the local MP would be attending a public meeting to speak about the provisions included in the Bill.

Councillor Vernon proposed and it was duly seconded by Councillor Sanderson that Wiltshire Council be informed that Malmesbury would be prepared to become a pilot in the process to produce a Town plan. The proposal was approved by the Town Council and it was resolved to refer the issue to the next meeting of the Planning and Environmental Issues Committee for further action.

**61. BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012**

Councillor Vernon and the Town Clerk presented a report on the budget for the year 2011/2012 proposed by the Policy and Resources Committee. It was proposed and duly seconded that the budget as presented be accepted by the Town Council for the year 2011/2012. It was RESOLVED that the budget agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee be accepted as the budget for Malmesbury Town Council for the year 2011/2012, a total expenditure of £485,090 with £28,638 being taken from balances and £342,880 being the precept to be levied.

Hi Worship the Mayor thanked the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and the Town Clerk for their work in preparing a detailed budget for consideration.

**62. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor R Sanderson presented a report on his attendance at the Wiltshire Assembly where the Chief Executive spoke on the involvement of local councils in the community.

**63. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported that there had been a letter received from the current bankers advising that free banking would be withdrawn. As a consequence a number of other banks had been contacted and following an interview with representatives of the Lloyds TSB Group an account would be opened with that organisation on terms similar to those previously provided by the current bank.

**64. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions raised.

**Meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.**