

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Malting Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday the 15th March 2011 at 7.00pm.

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, Mrs R Miles, JE F Poole
R F Sanderson, A Stamp, C M Vernon and A C R Woodcock.

NON ATTENDANCE: Councillor M H Snell

IN ATTENDANCE: One members of the press and six members of the public were present

Prayers were offered by Councillor A C R Woodcock

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P J Goldstone advised that an annual Community Group award would be made in memory of the late Councillor Paul Dove. The first award to be made in April.

The Mayor then reported on the engagements he had attended during the last two months.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Rowlands had previously submitted a number of questions in writing and His Worship the Mayor responded as follows:

What level of debt does the town council carry? Currently £617,217.

Has the level of debt decreased or increased in the past twelve months? Reduced by 13,000.

What steps are the town council taking to reduce expenditure? Each Service Committee has been charged with regularly monitoring budgets and has received no increase.

Does the town council intend to take responsibility for drafting the neighbourhood plan? The Town Council will take the lead subject to the content of final legislation.

When will the minutes of last year's annual town meeting (all electors) be issued? The minutes are waiting publication on the website but hard copies or emailed copies are available from Town Council office.

When will the agenda for this year's annual town meeting (all electors) be issued? Within the next two weeks.

When will this year's annual town meeting (all electors) be held? The 12th April 2011.

Mr Rowlands indicated that there were errors in the minutes form the last annual meeting and the Mayor advised that these would be corrected at the meeting.

A question was asked by another member of the public about the meeting the Mayor held with representative of the John Lewis Partnership. His Worship the Mayor replied that the meeting was to listen to what was proposed not to comment upon, or direct to, any out of town sites.

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

There were no declarations of interest

65. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 11th January 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 55 – The Mayor advised he had not yet managed to meet with the project leader of the Eilmer Bridge.

66. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 15TH FEBRUARY AND 8TH MARCH 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environmental Issues Meeting held on the 25th January, 15th February and 8th March 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 170 – Councillor Lawton enquired about the damage to the Market Cross. The Town Clerk advised that a claim was being compiled and that work would not commence until agreement had been reached.

67. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee meeting held on the 3rd February 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 48 - Councillor Doody reported that the Italian Market would take place on the 22nd May 2011.

Min 50 – Councillor Doody advised that the Kite Festival working group had held the first meeting.

Min 51 – Councillor Doody explained that the Town Guide had been delayed in publication.

Min 55 – Councillor Lawton requested information about the Farmers' Market and the review of fees. The Town Clerk advised that he would be meeting with the organiser in June to discuss the future of the market.

68. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Burial committee held on 7th February 2011 be noted.

Min 314 – Councillor Blake informed the Town Council that consideration was being given to potential commercial use for the chapel in an attempt to reduce the revenue costs.

69. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH AND 22ND FEBRUARY 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Selection Committee meeting held on the 8th and 22nd February 2011 as circulated, be received and adopted.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Mayor for 2011/2012 would be Councillor S Cox and the Deputy Town Mayor for the same period would be Councillor R Sanderson. Both Councillors thanked the Council for the support received.

70. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee held on the 17th February 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 33 – Councillor S Cox advised the Town Council that a meeting had been arranged with a group from Sherston to discuss the way forward.

71. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 22ND FEBRUARY 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 22nd February 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted.

72. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 23RD FEBRUARY 2011

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

Min 30 – Councillor Lawton advised the Town Council that most film performances were showing to a full house and that SW Screens would be getting more involved and moving the contract away from Moviola. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Moviola for all their hard work in ensuring the project commenced in such a positive manner. A Wedding Fayre had been planned for 20th March and all Councillors were welcome to attend.

Councillor S Cox expressed congratulations to Councillor Lawton for all his work in making sure the cinema project was a success.

73. 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.

74. OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor C M Vernon had previously circulated a paper following meetings held with Wiltshire Market Towns and the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils.

75. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported that there had been a letter received from Wales and West Utilities inviting attendance at Aztec Hotel, Almondsbury for the purposes of a Stakeholder Workshop on 31st March from 9.30am until 2.30pm.

76. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Rowlands asked why there could not be a protection bund around the Market Cross. He was advised that such a barrier would be unlikely to gain support from English Heritage.

Meeting closed at 20.10 hrs.