

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Malting Hall, Malmesbury on Tuesday the 13th September 2011 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor S Cox
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor R F Sanderson
Councillors: W G Blake, A Carnegie, Mrs M J Dennis, Mrs C C Doody,
P J Goldstone, A J Gundry, Mrs S J Poole, Mrs K Power,
S Killane, M H Snell, C M Vernon and A C R Woodcock.

NON ATTENDANCE: Councillor A Stamp

Prayers were offered by Councillor A C R Woodcock

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Cox, welcomed the four newly elected Town Councillors to their first meeting since taking office. He also informed the Council that Councillor Ian Henderson had resigned from the Town Council just before the election and the formal process would need to be followed.

Councillor S Cox informed members of the engagements he had fulfilled since the last Council meeting including attendance at the Area Board meeting. The subject under discussion at the Area Board was the changes in the provision of care services. Councillor Mrs Doody expressed concern about the introduction of significant changes with limited consultation. It was proposed by Councillor Vernon and duly seconded and RESOLVED that a small group of Town Councillors request a meeting with a representative of Wiltshire Council to receive an update and explanation of the changes. Councillors Blake, Sanderson, Vernon and Mrs Doody and Mrs Dennis agreed to form the group of councillors.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions

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

There were no declarations of interest.

28. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12th July 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 23 - Councillor Sanderson advised the Council that the Mayor had hosted a meeting on the subject of celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics which had attracted 20 participants. Two groups would be formed, one for Diamond Jubilee and another for the Olympics. The Jubilee group had already outline plans for a number of events, some of which would necessitate road closures.

29. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 26TH JULY, 16TH AUGUST AND 6TH SEPTEMBER 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environmental Issues Committee held on the 26th July, 16th August, and 6th September 2011, as circulated, be received.

Min 65 – The meeting with Westlea Housing Association would take place on 21st September 2011.

Min 72 - Councillor Mrs Doody advised that a meeting had been held about the production of a Travel Plan and a further meeting was planned to assist in the preparation.

Min 75 - Councillor Goldstone read a letter sent on behalf of the Town Council and addressed to the Managing Director of Gleeson Strategic Land.

30. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN PROMOTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH JUNE 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee held on 16th June 2011, as circulated, be received.

Min 04 – Councillor Mrs Doody thanked the Town Council for releasing funds to support the very successful Kite Festival.

31. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD AUGUST 2011

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

Min 08 – Councillor Sanderson expressed his thanks to the staff of the Town Council for the swift response to removal of the obscene graffiti from the new play equipment in St Aldhelm's Mead.

Min 11 – It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Poole and duly seconded and RESOLVED that a register be kept of those Malmesbury residents expressing an interest in operating an allotment. Councillor Mrs Power suggested that the Gardening Club be approached to gauge interest.

32. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH AUGUST 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9th August 2011, as circulated, be received.

Min 16 – Councillor Vernon informed the Council of the recommendation from the committee concerning the future handling of committee minutes at the Town Council meetings and this was accepted by the Council as an appropriate way forward.

33. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Selection Committee held on 14th August 2011, as circulated, be received and the recommendation agreed.

34. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Hall Management Committee held on the 10th August 2011, as circulated, be received.

Min 7 – Councillor Mrs Doody congratulated the Events and facilities manager on holding a very successful Wedding Fayre in the Town Hall. Councillor Vernon informed the members of forthcoming events planned to take place at the Town Hall. Councillor Grundy offered to consult with the Residents' Association to see if flyers could be posted on their notice boards to publicise events,.

35. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Burial Committee held on the 5^h September 2011 as circulated, be received and noted.

36. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

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.

37. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FOOTPATH/CYCLEWAY FROM COWBRIDGE TO MALMESBURY.

Councillor Cox explained the background leading to the report about the potential cycle path. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Wiltshire Council be advised that Malmesbury Town Council, would not be prepared to take ownership of the path or responsibility for maintenance and that the view of the Town Council was for either Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council or an independent trust to take ownership of the project.

38. TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR FRONTRUNNER STATUS

Councillor Vernon provided information about the recent application which had been approved. The Spatial Planning team at Wiltshire Council would be calling a meeting involving the four parishes and other community groups to take matters forward. He urged the Council to look at the Department of Communities and Local Government website and to respond to the document. The term sustainable development had not been defined.

39. WILTSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Councillor Vernon presented his report on his attendance at the last meeting of the Association. .

40. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

Meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.