

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllrs K Power, G Grant, P Exton, L Wood, C Doody, S D'Arcy, R Sanderson, C Ritchie, E Whatton, RP Jones & R Hastings

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk), Simon Henstock (Locality Manager at Greensquare Accord)

Mayors Announcements

- The Cost of Living Support leaflet has been distributed to all Town Residents and some further afield. Grants were received from Wiltshire Council, the Carnival Committee and St Paul Malmesbury Without PC for its production and Cllr Power expressed thanks to those organisations.
- Sergeant Kate Smith had forwarded a Power Presentation which Cllr Power requested the Town Clerk sends to all Councillors detailing local crime statistics.
- The Mayor's Newsletter will shortly be published. Further details on the Community Day, Citizen of the Year, Dedication of the Jubilee Tree and Coronation event will be included.
- A service in the Abbey followed by a vigil in the Market Cross will take place on Friday 24th February to mark one year of the invasion of the Ukraine.
- A presentation for the High Sheriff's Award was made to Ben Thornbury which Cllr Power had attended.

FC/23/11 To receive declarations of interest

None received.

FC/23/12 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs P Smith, F Smith, F Vandelli & W Jones

FC/23/13 To receive public questions on items of business included on the agenda

None received

FC/23/14 To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th January 2023

The Minutes were signed and approved as a correct record and it was noted that there are to be some amends to Working Groups going forwards.

FC/23/15 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning and Environment meetings held on 10th & 24th January 2023

The Minutes of both meetings were received and noted.

FC/23/16 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 4th January 2023

The Minutes were received and noted.

FC/23/17 To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall & Facilities Committee meeting held on 9th November 2022

The Minutes were received and noted.

FC/23/18 To sign off recommendation from High Street Working Group for proposal for funding request to WCs Generating Activity Grant

It was resolved that the £10k Generating Activity Grant would be distributed as follows;

- £2k for Street Furniture in Market Lane and at the Town Hall
- £2k for Gift Card promotion (10% discount based on £15k sales)
- £1k towards the Food element of the Arts Festival
- £2k towards a feasibility study at the Market Cross
- £1k information boards in the Town Centre
- £1k on promotional activity

FC/23/19 To consider flying the Ukrainian flag on the 24th February to recognise the outbreak of war in the Ukraine one year ago and to determine the length of time it will be flown.

It was resolved that the Ukrainian flag will be flown on the 24th February to symbolise Malmesbury's support for the Ukrainians and will be lowered on the 27th February.

FC/23/20 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks

The Town Clerk reported that she had attended the Practitioners Conference on the 1st & 2nd of February, outlined presentations received and noted that Power Point Presentations are available.

Malmesbury Conservation Group

The report will be presented to the next Planning & Environment Meeting

Malmesbury Town Team

Cllr Ritchie reported that Keith Freeguard is now involved with the Town Team as the Net Zero Project Manager. A formalised agreement has been made with some of the Bath Spa students. The events planning calendar is nearly completed. The signage project is moving forwards. The Walks programme will start in the beginning of April and will continue until September.

Malmesbury And District Twinning Association

Cllr Doody reported that the Quiz had been a great success and there will a School visit on the 12th June. The Town Clerk was asked to email all councillors to invite them to the Civic Twinning Reception on the 21st July.

Operational Flood Group

Cllr Sanderson reported that the Sluice Gates at Cowbridge have now been cleared and that the group is considered the installation of a trash screen. Cllr D'Arcy reported that a meeting was coming up later that week. More Flood Warden Volunteers are needed. Cllr Hastings offered to also be an MTC Representative. It was agreed that Cllr Power would write to Sue Poole to thank her for her exemplary work and vigilance during the recent heavy rain.

Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group

Cllr Exton reported that the planned and agreed work to drop the kerbs at the Station Yard has been delayed but will begin as soon as possible. Cllr Power thanked Cllr Exton for his contribution to getting this work completed.

Local Youth Network Management Group

No update.

Movies at Malmesbury

Cllr D'Arcy reported that recent technical issues had been resolved but that a new projector is required, cost in the region of £40k.

Bus Service Improvement

Cllr Doody stated that the new contact for the group is Graham Ellis

Health and Wellbeing Forum

Cllr Power reported that a meeting is upcoming and that Caerbladon hold Creative Conversation sessions that are doing well and that they are now trained mentors.

Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc. Malmesbury Against Plastics)

A workshop will be taking place soon and a report will be presented at the next suitable meeting.

FC/23/21 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

Cllr Grant reported that the Wiltshire Council was almost finalised but that there are three proposed amendments that might be relevant to MTC;

- Blue Badge holders receive free parking and that the machine are altered to to make them accessible.
- WC is able to award 100% Council Tax relief to low income households
- The restoration of funding to Lunch Clubs & Friendship Clubs and if the amendment is successful, the funding will go to Area Boards rather than Central Wiltshire Council

There is an expectation that MTC will receive further funding through the Wiltshire Towns Programme for the next two financial years. The outcome of MTC's application to the Substantive Highways Scheme is awaited for replacement of Lamp Posts to accommodate CCTV cameras.

Future conversations and meetings with the Police will focus on Community Safety.

Meeting closed at 9.01pm