

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllrs G Grant, P Exton, F Smith, C Doody, RP Jones, S D'Arcy, C Ritchie, R Hastings, E Whatton, R Sanderson, J Slade, S James, W Jones, L Wood & W Jones

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

Mayors Announcements

- Cllr Grant circulated in advance to all members. The Mayor has attended many events and the Sri Lankan evening had been a great success, raising over £3,000 for the Mayoral Charities.

FC/23/90 To receive declarations of interest.

None received.

FC/23/91 To receive apologies for absence.

All members were present.

FC/23/92 Public questions on items of business included on the agenda.

None received.

FC/23/93 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June 2023.

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

FC/23/94 To receive and note minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on the 12th June 2023.

The minutes of both meetings were received and noted. Cllr Grant stated that if the Case Officer for the application on the A429 is minded to approve the proposal, he will call it in.

FC/23/95 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meetings held on the 7th June & 21st June 2023.

The minutes of both meetings were received and noted.

FC/23/96 To receive and note the minutes of the Community & Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 8th June 2023.

The minutes were received and noted. Cllr Doody stated that St Aldhelm's Church had hosted the Flower Festival.

FC/23/97 To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall & Facilities Committee meeting held on the 21st June.

The minutes of the meeting were received and noted. It was also noted that Cllr Sanderson was present.

FC/23/98 To receive and note the minutes of the Burial Committee meeting held on the 22nd February 2023.

The minutes of the meeting were noted.

- FC/23/99 To appoint Cllrs James & Slade to Committees**
Cllrs James & Slade were appointed to TH&F, Cllr Doody stood down. Cllr James was appointed to Burial following resignation of Paul Smith. Cllr James was appointed to C&TP following the resignation of Paul Smith. Cllr Slade was appointed to P&E, Cllr D'Arcy stood down.
- FC/23/100 To appoint additional member to Policy & Resources, Community & Town Promotion and Burial Committees following resignation of Paul Smith.**
Following a secret ballot, Cllr Slade was elected onto Policy & Resources.
- FC/23/101 To consider Civic Event as part of Athelstan 1100 event (report Cllrs Ritchie, Grant & Exton)**
Following discussion it was resolved to accept the proposals,
- (i) Malmesbury Town Council agrees to lead the organisation of a Civic Event to mark the start of the commemoration and celebration of Athelstan 1100.
 - (ii) The organisation of the Civic Event, including the date of the event in June 2024, the nature and scope of the event, the extension of invitations to attend, and the specification of one or more permanent markers of the Anniversary, is delegated to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of P&R and the Town Clerk, with a mandate to include other MTC Committees, Councillors and Athelstan 1100 event organisers as required.
 - (iii) Funding requirements for the Civic Event and the permanent markers are identified and included with MTC budget proposals for the Council Year 2024-25.
- FC/23/102 To appoint additional members to Climate Strategy Working Group**
Following discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Slade, Ritchie, Hastings and Whatton would be on the Working Group and that they would convene a meeting as soon as possible.
- FC/23/103 To consider MTC support for 9 Regiment (report Cllr Grant)**
Cllr Grant had circulated the report ahead of the meeting. It was resolved to allocate £450 towards the recognition of exceptional service. £300 for 6 gift cards and £150 towards cinema tickets.
- FC/23/104 To consider Malmesbury Town Council's relationship with Tetbury Town Council (report Cllr Grant)**
A meeting had recently taken place between The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and their Tetbury counterparts. The meeting prompted a desire to work closely with Tetbury as similar towns with similar issues. It was agreed that members support this approach and look forward to working together.
- FC/23/105 To consider MTC support for Malmesbury Folk Festival (report Cllr D'Arcy)**
Cllr D'Arcy presented his report. It was resolved that the Town Council would underwrite the event up to the value of £2,000.
- FC/23/106 To receive updates from Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;**
- Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks**
The Town Clerk reported that she will book training for Councillors when a slot becomes available and that that she and the Deputy Town Clerk will attend the SLCC Practitioners Conference in 2024.
- Malmesbury Conservation Group**
Cllr Power had circulated her report ahead of the meeting for information.
- Malmesbury Town Team**
Cllr Ritchie's update was noted.

Twinning

The letter from Anke Hoffman, Burgermeisterin of Bad Hersfeld, was circulated. It was resolved that the letter would be forwarded to the Twinning Association for consideration and that any proposal would be brought back to Full Council in future.

Operational Flood Group

Approximately 40 people had attended a presentation in the Town Hall the previous week on the proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme at the Lower High Street.

Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group

Cllr Exton's report was noted and Cllrs were requested to report any issues that they are aware of.

Local Youth Network Management Group

Cllr Power had circulated her report ahead of the meeting for information.

Community Safety Partnership

Cllr Power had circulated her report ahead of the meeting for information.

Health & Well-being Forum

Cllr Power had circulated her report ahead of the meeting for information.

Bus Service Improvement

Nothing to report

Movies@Malmesbury

Nothing to report

Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc. Malmesbury Against Plastics)

Nothing to report

Safer Nights Charter

Nothing to report

FC/23/107 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

Cllr Grant reported that consultation on the proposed Local Plan will take place in September.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm