

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.00pm.

Mayors Announcements

Cllr Power reported that as the last meeting had only taken place recently there was little to announce although she had attended four official engagements and the WALPA meeting at Wiltshire Council to date and that the Neighbourhood Plan Review Consultation meetings would take place shortly.

Present; Cllrs K Power, G Grant, P Exton, W Jones, RP Jones, S D’Arcy, C Ritchie, C Doody, R Sanderson & F Vandelli

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk) & Robert Hastings

FC/22/67 To receive declarations of interest

None received

FC/22/68 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs F Smith, P Smith & E Whatton.

FC/22/69 To receive public questions on items of business included on the agenda

None received.

FC/22/70 To consider co-option of applicant received on the 20th April 2022

Cllr Power Invited Robert Hastings to introduce himself and talk to members about why he would like to be co-opted onto the Council.

Following Robert’s introduction, it was resolved that he be co-opted as member of Malmesbury Town Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was then signed by Cllr Hastings and the Town Clerk.

FC/22/71 To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 3rd May

The minutes were signed and approved as a correct record.

FC/22/72 To receive and note the minutes of the P&E meetings held on the 12th April & 3rd May

The minutes were received and noted.

FC/22/73 To consider request from the Bristol Avon Trust

It was noted that the site at which the Bristol Avon Trust seeks permission is not within the Town Parish and would therefore be directed to St Paul Malmesbury Without PC.

FC/22/74 To note progress on Bus Development Plan

Cllr Doody reported that Wiltshire Council had not received any funding from Central Government towards public transport. The Group will continue to work and Cllr Grant stated that he had raised the issue with the relevant Cabinet Member at Wiltshire Council.

Cllr Exton requested that updates, such as this item and the following three, are accompanied by a suitable written report.

Cllr Vandelli arrived

FC/22/75 To receive Governance Review update and determine next steps

Cllr Grant detailed the proposals & discussions. A public meeting had taken place in the Town Hall recently and a workshop of the Electoral Review Committee had taken place earlier that day.

Cllr W Jones expressed intense dismay on behalf of MTC that members of the Electoral Review Committee (ERC) had not attended the public consultation. Cllr Grant stated that any further conversations he will have with reference to the Community Governance Review (CGR) will be as a member of the Town Council not the ERC.

Members of the Town Council noted that St Paul Malmesbury Without PC circulated correspondence to Milbourne residents which detailed the potential increase in precept payment, information that is not relevant to the CGR only Governance & Community Identity should be factors for consideration.

Cllr Power will write as Mayor to the Electoral Review Committee noting issues raised by members.

FC/22/76 To receive Neighbourhood Plan Review update and determine next steps

Cllr Power stated that the consultation is currently available online until the 20th May. Cllrs were requested to make their representation.

FC/22/77 To receive Planning Appeal updates, including feedback from WALPA meeting with Wiltshire Council on the 5th May and determine next steps

There are currently three appeals underway. Cllrs noted that there is much work to do ahead of the inquiry and hearings.

FC/22/78 To receive High Street Welcome Back Funding update and future Wiltshire Council proposals for supporting High Streets

It was noted that £7k has been allocated by Wiltshire Council to Malmesbury. It was agreed that the areas which will receive attention are;

- Outside Town Hall
- Birdcage Walk

Cllr Grant will follow up the method of allocation and how the figure was reached.

FC/22/79 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks – Nothing to report

Malmesbury Conservation Group – Cllr R P Jones was unable to attend and asked Cllr Ritchie to forward details

Malmesbury Town Team – Cllr Ritchie reported that the Witch Trial event is progressing well, the Town Guide has been produced and the Guided Walks are picking up momentum

Malmesbury and District Twinning Association – Cllrs Doody reported that a Greek Supper is being organised at Seagry to raise money

Operational Flood Group – Cllr Sanderson reported that a meeting should take place shortly between members and Edward Evans

Community Area Transport Group/Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group – Cllr P Exton stated that his report will be presented to P&E on the 25th May

Local Youth Network Management Group – Cllr Vandelli reported that there have been no meetings recently

Movies at Malmesbury – Nothing to report

Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc Malmesbury Against Plastic) – Cllr Vandelli reported that an event had taken place at Sherston recently and that Whatley Manor are keen to engage with the Malmesbury Community.

FC/22/80

To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

Cllr Grant stated that the first 'in person' meeting of the Area Board will take place here on the 7th June and that there have been reports that the Malmesbury Area Board are one of the best functioning in the County. The Parish Alliance which deals with footpaths and road safety issues is progressing well. Cllr Grant reported that there will be a Speed Watch refresh in July of this year.

The meeting closed at 9pm