

## **Malmesbury Town Council**

### Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm.

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**Present;** Cllrs K Power, G Grant, P Exton, S D'Arcy, L Wood, R Hastings, R.P Jones, S D'Arcy, F Smith, J Bridges & R Sanderson

**Also present:** Claire Mann (Town Clerk) & two Police Officers

### **Mayors Announcements**

- Cllr Power thanked members who attended this years' Remembrance Service and also the Police for their traffic management.
- Meetings are continuing with developers in the Town to ensure that the Town Council maintains some influence over proposed developments.
- Cllr Power requested help from Councillors for upcoming events on the 15<sup>th</sup> December & 21<sup>st</sup> January

**FC/22/136 To receive declarations of interest**

None received.

**FC/22/137 To receive apologies for absence**

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

**FC/22/138 To receive public questions on items of business included on the agenda**

Cllr Power invited the Police to speak. PCSO Becky Walsh reported that the ASB incidents had decreased over the last few months and hoped that residents had also noticed the improvement. Thanks were expressed to all those involved for their constant communication. Cllr Grant reiterated thanks to all, especially the Police for their commitment to resources to deal with the issues in Malmesbury, a huge amount of work has been involved.

*The Police left the meeting*

**FC/22/139 To receive and adopt the minute of the Full Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The Minutes were signed and approved as a correct record. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Exton for stepping in as Mace-Bearer for the Remembrance Service.

**FC/22/140 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning and Environment meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> August & 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The Minutes of both meetings were received and noted.

**FC/22/141 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The Minutes were received and noted.

**FC/22/142 To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall and Facilities meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

The Minutes were received and noted.

**FC/22/143 To receive and note the minutes of the Community and Town Promotion Committee meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September & 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The Minutes were received and noted. It was also noted that Minute reference CTP/22/89 should have read 23, not 22.

**FC/22/144 To consider Wiltshire Council's Service Devolution & Asset Transfer Policy & determine next steps**

It was resolved that this item should be put to the Policy & Resources Committee but that all Play Areas should be officially transferred to MTC and Open Spaces at Filands & Loiret Crescent and that a Working Group should be formed.

**FC/22/145 To consider grant application received from new Luncheon Club**

Following discussion it was agreed that since the new Luncheon Club is in its very early stages of initiation, the group could use the Wesleyan Room & Kitchen for four hours, one day per week, free of charge until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**FC/22/146 To appoint Cllr Bridges onto Committees (requested C&TP)**

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Bridges onto the Community & Town promotion Committee.

**FC/22/147 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council from the following organisations;**

**Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks**

Clerk will attend branch meeting next week and will report back at next meeting.

**Malmesbury Conservation Group**

The Group has requested that a full survey of the Market Cross is carried out, this will be passed to P&E for consideration.

**Malmesbury Town Team**

The Malmesbury Gift Card will be re-launched shortly to include digital capability. An audit of the Action Plan created in 2015 will also take place soon.

**Malmesbury And District Twinning Association**

Cllr Sanderson will be visiting Malmesbury, South Africa in the next couple of weeks. It was agreed that Cllr Power will write to the Mayor, sending the best wishes of Malmesbury Town Council, UK.

**Operational Flood Group**

Cllr D'Arcy reported that the programme for the bottom of the High Street is ongoing, funding issues are currently holding up the project.

**Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group**

Cllr Exton reported that a P&E meeting is taking place the following day and his LHFIFG report must be made to the Committee first.

**Local Youth Network Management Group**

No update available

**Movies and Malmesbury**

Cllr D'Arcy reported that savings will be made in future as the contract for film delivery and collection has been cancelled.

**Bus Service Improvement**

No update available

**Health and Wellbeing Forum**

Cllr Power reported that a meeting will take place this coming Thursday. The Winter Support Programme will be discussed. It is the aim that community groups and meetings will extend their current offering so that something is available every day.

**Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc. Malmesbury Against Plastics)**

No update available.

**FC/22/148**

**To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor Gavin Grant****Wiltshire Council (WC)**

Cllr Grant reported that the Area Board will be meeting in Brinkworth on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, GreenSquare Accord Head of Communities will be in attendance to hopefully address issues raised by vulnerable tenants. The Warm Spaces initiative will also be discussed.

- Issues are ongoing with regard to replacement of Lighting Columns
- MTC has lost more areas of land to development that are outside those identified in the Neighbourhood Plan
- A further £10k grant funding is to be available from WC's Generating Activity Programme, the Working Group of MTC will meet shortly to consider its application
- WC finances are looking very poor. It is anticipated that this year will be manageable but that the three-year projection is creating some anxiety with an expected £25m black hole.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm