

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

FC/22/96 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Power declared that she has a pecuniary interest in a property at Park Road

FC/22/97 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Sanderson, Vandelli & Whatton

FC/22/98 To receive public questions on items of business included on the agenda

None received.

FC/22/99 To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 21st June

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

FC/22/100 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning & Environment meeting held on the 14th June

Cllr Vandelli arrived

The minutes were received and noted.

FC/22/101 To receive and note the minutes of the Community & Town Promotion meeting held on the 9th June

The minutes were received and noted.

FC/22/102 To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall & Facilities meeting held on the 22nd June

The minutes were received and noted.

FC/22/103 To clarify representation of Malmesbury Town Council on the WC Operational Flood Working Group

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr D'Arcy will represent Malmesbury Town Council on the Wiltshire Council Operational Flood Working Group – North. Cllr Sanderson & Edward Evans will continue as members of the Malmesbury Flood Working Group.

Cllr Sanderson arrived

FC/22/104 To consider report from Cllr Paul Smith on the Electoral Commission Review

Following discussion it was agreed that members accepted the proposed boundary changes which took in properties from Parliament Row to the weir on the A429 the area known as Daniel's Well. It was also agreed that the employment land at the Garden Centre/Aldi should become part of Malmesbury Parish.

FC/22/105 To consider use of the Town Hall for National Ukraine Independence Day event free of charge

It was resolved that MTC should hold an event to recognise the Ukrainian Independence Day on the 24th August and that refreshments should be provided.

FC/22/106 To receive an update on the on the On-Street Briefings that took place on the 11th July

Cllr Power reported that the briefings had taken place and that there is currently an increased Police presence in Town as a result.

FC/22/107 To receive an update on the Planning Appeals currently underway

Cllrs Power & Ritchie reported that two most favourable points for MTC during the appeal at Park Road is the current picturesque landscape and the unaddressed issue of surface flooding in the area. An outcome is expected in two months approximately and Cllr Grant requested that thanks were expressed to Cllrs Power, Ritchie and Exton for their hard work.

FC/22/108 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks – The Town Clerk had attended training recently that covered planning reforms, Community Events and the General Power of Competence

Malmesbury Conservation Group – Cllr RP Jones reported that there had been progress with some of the dilapidated properties in the Town

Malmesbury Town Team – Cllr Ritchie reported that the Witch Trial event is progressing well and is nearly completed, the local hotels and food establishments had benefitted from the event. Cllr Power expressed thanks to Cllr Ritchie & the Town Team

Malmesbury and District Twinning Association – Cllr Doody reported that the trip to Gien will take place at the end of July and that the Neibull trip will take place in September

Operational Flood Group – Cllr D'Arcy reported that a meeting had taken place last week with two members of the Environment Agency, Danny Everett of Wiltshire Council, the Town Clerk, Edward Evans & Cllr Sanderson to discuss the proposed flood alleviation scheme at the bottom of the High Street. It was noted that the next step is to organise a public consultation meeting and then to determine the source of funding.

Community Area Transport Group/Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group – Cllr Exton reported that a meeting had taken place in the last week and that a meeting would soon take place to discuss the issue at the Triangle.

Local Youth Network Management Group – Cllr Vandelli reported that the LYN met and reviewed the results of last autumn's youth survey, which would help to shape the funding that the LYN allocates in the coming 12 months. Mental health issues are still very much a priority for young people in Malmesbury.

It was agreed that regular LYN meetings would take place quarterly going forward, which is reassuring since they haven't been fixed regularly lately.

With respect to the issue of Anti-Social Behaviour, the LYN is planning to fund a course that can challenge, develop and grow young people who don't have a positive focus in town at the moment.

Movies at Malmesbury – Cllr D'Arcy reported that the extraction fan will be fitted the following day.

Bus Service Improvement – Cllr Doody reported that an improved service is anticipated and that further funding should become available in the Autumn.

Health & Well Being Forum – No meeting to date

Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc Malmesbury Against Plastic) – Progressing

FC/22/109 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

Councillor Grant reported that the Cabinet meeting that had been scheduled for today had been cancelled due to a 'perceived' lack of business by the Chair and Leader of Wiltshire Council. A meeting of Wiltshire Councillors took place instead and updates were received on the following;

- Wiltshire Community Action, the Trussell Trust and Wiltshire Warmer Homes Initiative on the rapidly growing cost of living crisis.
- The Wiltshire Climate Alliance who called for more urgent action to hit the target of a carbon neutral Wiltshire by 2030
- WALPA who warned of the impact on communities like Malmesbury of speculative housing development due to Wiltshire Council's lack of the 5 year housing land supply.
- A presentation was also made at the meeting on the Marden River Festive held on Calne and the development from that of a local 'Rights of Rivers' group. Given the importance to Malmesbury of the Sherston and Tetbury branches of the River Avon, Cllr Grant suggested that this is something that Malmesbury should look at through our Community and Town Promotions Committee.
- Community Engagement Managers now have to look after three area boards. Malmesbury will join with Royal Wootton Bassett/Cricklade and Marlborough Area Boards. A more junior role will support that officer but they will also support a Community Engagement Manager covering Calne, Chippenham and Corsham Area Boards.
- The Malmesbury Community Fridge will be opening on Monday following a great deal of work from HEALS, Lou James from the Co-op & Cllr D'Arcy. The fridge and freezer will be stocked weekly by HEALS volunteers with surplus food from our local Co-ops on Monday and Wednesday mornings. This is designed to coincide with our local Foodbank operating in the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm