

## **Malmesbury Town Council**

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

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at 7.00pm.

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**Present;** Cllrs K Power, G Grant, W Jones, P Exton, S D'Arcy, C Doody, F Vandelli, P Smith, F Smith

**Also present:** Lisa Dent (Deputy Town Clerk)

**FC/22/110 To receive declarations of interest**

None received.

**FC/22/111 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs C Ritchie, R Sanderson.

**FC/22/112 To receive public questions on items of business included on the agenda**

None received.

**FC/22/113 To receive and adopt the minute of the Full Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

One amendment to first page, Park Road to amend to Park Close. Minutes approved and signed subject to amendment.

**FC/22/114 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 26<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

The Minutes were received and noted.

Regarding the issue of street naming to the Backbridge development, Cllr G Grant agreed to raise at this at the next Wiltshire Council Cabinet meeting. Our recommendations of suggested street names were ignored and there was no consultation as to the naming decisions and it would be beneficial to receive an explanation as to why this has taken place.

**FC/22/115 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The Minutes to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were received and noted and the Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to be carried over to the next Full Council meeting as these were not available.

**FC/22/116 To resolve that Malmesbury Town Council meet the eligibility required to use the General Power of Competence**

1. A resolution was made to adopt the General Power of Competence.
2. At this time of resolution, at least two thirds of the council members holds office as a result of being declared elected (i.e. not co-opted).
3. At this time of resolution, the Town Clerk Claire Mann holds a recognised professional qualification, Certification of Higher Education in Community Governance.
4. It is to be noted that eligibility remains in place until the "relevant" annual meeting even if the conditions of the eligibility criteria have changed. If the council loses it qualified

Clerk or has insufficient elected councillors it must record its ineligibility at the next "relevant" meeting. It is a requirement that eligibility is resolved at each annual meeting.

**FC/22/117 To consider application/s for co-option onto Malmesbury Town Council**

Application for co-option has been received from Lesley Wood.

The applicant meets the criteria of eligibility. It was resolved that Lesley Wood is co-opted as Councillor to Malmesbury Town Council and will be required to sign a Declaration of Acceptance held in the Town Hall. Following this, Committee membership and allocation to working parties will follow.

**FC/22/118 To determine the needs of Councillors with regard to electronic devices**

Following discussion, it was agreed that solutions would be considered depending on level of needs, current equipment requirements and the skills of individual councillors. A report on this item will be made to P&R 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 by Cllr D'Arcy.

**FC/22/119 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;**

- **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks**  
Deputy Town Clerk reported protocol announcements received following death of Queen Elizabeth II.
- **Malmesbury Conservation Group**  
Report not available as representative was not present. To defer to next meeting.
- **Malmesbury Town Team**  
Report not available as representative was not present. To defer to next meeting.
- **Malmesbury and District Twinning Association**  
Cllr Power reported a Civic reception will be held on Friday and there is a full programme of events before the representatives return on Tuesday
- **Operational Flood Group**  
Cllr D'Arcy reported progress continues with a scheme for flood defences in association with Wiltshire Council and Environment Agency. Regarding the Bloor Homes Appeal to Park Road, it was requested that the Flood Group forward a request to Wiltshire Council to review any flood alleviation which is possible
- **Local Highways & Footpaths Improvements Group**  
No report available, next meeting will be held 18/10/22.
- **Local Youth Network Management Group**  
Cllr Vandelli reported no contact received regarding Youth Services and we await further update regarding their funding and services.
- **Movies at Malmesbury**  
Cllr D'Arcy reported Improvements have been made in financial reporting including bar profits. Ongoing work into the viability of downloading films which will save expenditure on courier costs.
- **Bus Services Improvement**  
Cllr Doody reported more Government funding is expected in October and it is hoped there will be services to Swindon and Chippenham at the weekends. Burnham Court afternoon service is now in place.
- **Health & Wellbeing Forum**  
Cllr Power reported 22 events for elderly and those in care homes/assisted living since February 2022. Creative Conversation will be held for 10 weeks at Malmesbury Library funded by Area Board.
- **Malmesbury Climate Action Network (Inc. Malmesbury Against Plastics)**  
Cllr Vandelli reported Repair Café continues in Malmesbury and Sherston have a sample event arranged. Fruitful Malmesbury are planning an event in October supported by Whatley Manor hotel. Fruitful Malmesbury are working in partnership with Malmesbury River Valleys

Trust and will be given a piece of land to use as a community space such as an orchard or organic garden and this is currently in the legal process. Cllr Vandelli will report later on community energy conservation/reduction and this may involve a public meeting or ways to raise awareness.

**FC/22/120      To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor Gavin Grant**

Due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, there was disruption to Wiltshire Council meetings and rescheduling followed.

The Community Governance review has been concluded with a recommendation to Wiltshire Council for no changes. Malmesbury Town Council requested warding to be introduced and an agenda item for P&R committee is requested to clarify if there is a requirement to press for this.

Bloor Homes Appeal was considered by committee and was unanimously thrown out. Meeting is to be scheduled with Malmesbury Town Council and Bloor Homes. Proposals saw a reduction in area of land, reduced by a sixth. We will request a constructive dialogue with Bloor Homes moving forward.

Andrew Jack, Community engagement officer to Marlborough and Royal Wootton Bassett is now undertaking Malmesbury area.

The Rise Trust failed to re-apply for Area Board funding. Area Board are sympathetic to their needs and there is hope for an interim payment before the November Area Board meeting.

The next Parliamentary review of boundaries will be in October.

Meeting of Town Team 21<sup>st</sup> September 22 discussed challenges for High Street traders and also challenges to our residents. Regarding Late Night Shopping event, it may be useful for C&TP to review the dynamic with Town Team.

It was suggested that Supporting Residents in Winter is used as an agenda item to P&R to reflect on what we can do to re-raising awareness and signposting residents to beneficial services.

The meeting closed 8.14 p.m.