

## Malmesbury Town Council

### Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021** at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** Councillors C Doody, P Exton, L G Grant, RP Jones, K Power, C Ritchie, R Sanderson, E Whatton, S D'Arcy, P Smith & F Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Claire Mann (Town Clerk), Gill Davie (Minutes)

**MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS** His Worship, Cllr Paul Smith reported;

- The Remembrance Sunday service followed by tea and cakes had gone well
- The Sri Lankan Charity Dinner to raise money for Maggie's had been a great success and should exceed expectations in the money raised
- There is a Wreath Making Workshop to raise money for the Mayor's Charities in the Wesleyan Room on November 27th. 28 people are booked to attend
- A drinks reception for Councillors and staff will take place on December 16th
- BBC Countryfile are holding an event over 10/12 December in Charlton Park
- The Twinning Association are planning a trip to Gien in July next year
- Plans for Late Night Shopping are progressing well. Adam Henson will be opening the event. Best dressed window competition will be held again this year. Volunteers are needed to work on the night.
- The Mayor and the Town Clerk visited Cricklade Council recently to build local links

The Mayor then reported on the retirement of Cllr Julie Exton. Thanks, and good wishes for her future were expressed by all. No election is required so a casual vacancy will be advertised soon  
Lloyds Bank have asked to continue the Banking Pilot until the end of March  
A question was asked over the Waitrose steps and it was agreed to have this as an agenda item at a future meeting

**FC/21/85**      **Declarations of interest**  
None

**FC/21/86**      **Apologies**  
Cllrs F Vandelli, W Jones

**FC/21/87**      **Public Questions on items of business included on the agenda**  
None.

**FC/21/88**      **To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

It was confirmed that CCTV is now being taken forward by P&R  
A point of detail was raised with regard to Sir David Amess' title  
The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were received, adopted & signed as a true record.

- FC/21/89 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
The Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were received and noted.
- FC/21/90 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**  
The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were received and noted.
- FC/21/91 To receive and note the minutes of the Community & Town Promotions Committee meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
The Minutes of the Community & Town Promotions Committee meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were received and noted.
- FC/21/92 To note report from Cllr Doody on the Local Councils Climate Action Day**  
Cllr Doody's report was received and noted
- FC/21/93 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.
- Market Town Forum** - nothing to report. It was suggested that this should now be removed from the list as it is unlikely that the forum will reconvene.
- Malmesbury Conservation Group** – discussions are being held with the Diocese regarding the embankment leading up to the Town Walls. This was on the agenda for the last P&R meeting. Frances Goldstone has retired from MRVT and it was suggested a letter of thanks should be sent to her on behalf of the Council and the town. Restoration needs for the Market Cross have been discussed. A review of empty properties in the town is also taking place.
- Malmesbury Town Team** – The Gift Card is being rejuvenated and relaunched to encourage “shop local”. The Dyson Foundation are going to support a new trail on Explore Malmesbury. Activity supporting Renew Malmesbury and also looking at planning changes and their impact on the High Street
- Malmesbury and District Twinning Association** – Plans are being made for a trip to Gien and a return visit from Niebull
- Operational Flood Group** – First Aid and Manual Handling training has taken place.
- Community Area Transport Group** – nothing to report
- Local Youth Network Management Group** – Cllr Vandelli was not in the meeting to provide an update
- Movies at Malmesbury** – it is hoped the bar will be open from Dec 6th
- Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc Malmesbury Against Plastic)** – Cllr Vandelli was not in the meeting to provide an update
- Athelstan Statue Project Group** – held a very successful Wessex Week last month
- Joint Parish Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Power reported on the informal consultation and the review. The Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Wiltshire Council has recommended delaying the formal consultation until January.
- FC/21/94 To receive an update from the Wiltshire Councillor Gavin Grant.**  
Cllr Grant reported on;
- The delay to the meeting to discuss the Malmesbury Town Centre and High Street Support Action plan. He is pressing for the meeting to be scheduled before the end of the year

- His role with regard to the Community Governance Review. The Town Clerk has contacted Brokenborough to involve them in the discussions. The deadlines are tight as key deliberations will take place before the end of the year
- The Strategic Planning Committee is due to meet on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to consider the planning application for 26 houses on Park Road. Cllr Grant will attend this meeting to make the case for rejecting the officer's recommendations. He is also planning to oppose the application by Gleeson for a site at Filands. He is, along with Cllr Ritchie, supporting local residents in their opposition to the appeal regarding the gabion wall
- All of these planning issues indicate there will be more pressure from developers in 2022 and the Council will need to consider how to address future planning applications.
- The Local Youth Network will now be meeting monthly. The Community Safety Forum will be meeting bi-monthly. There will be extra Community Alliance meetings to look at speed enforcement and footpaths and cycle tracks

The meeting closed at 8.40pm