

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held at Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 17th December 2019** at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor J M Exton
Deputy Mayor Councillor C M Ritchie

Councillors: C C Doody, P J Exton, L G Grant, A J Gundry, C Hardwick, W Jones,
K Power, D Rogers, P Smith, H Wallace, F Vandelli

ALSO PRESENT: There were member of the public present.

APOLOGIES: None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced to the Council;

- Work was underway with the Gurkha Regiment to establish a joint Civic event to raise funds and re-establish the relationship with themselves and the town.
- Late Nigh Shopping took place 6th December and was very successful. □
Malmesbury Community Choir.
- The Mayor's fundraising event at the Town Hall on the 14th December which raised £1000.
- Attending the Malmesbury Concert Band Christmas performance at the Market Cross.
- A reminder that the Abbey is holding the 'Sing in the new Year' on the 5th January 2020.
- There is a meeting planned with a representative from the Waitrose Group on the 13th January 2020 regarding the matter of the steps.

65. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gundry, Hardwick, Smith, Wallace, and Vandelli.

66. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 26th November.

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67. To receive and note the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 12th November.

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68. To receive and note the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 9th October.

This item was removed by Cllr J Exton as the minutes of the 9th October were approved at Full Council on the 26th November.

69. To agree the council budget and precept for 20/21. (As outlined in Report No. 1a and 1b)

The Town Clerk gave an overview of the budget proposal for 2020-21. Cllr Jones informed the Council that this had been scrutinised by the Policy and Resources Committee on the 4th December. Cllr Gundry raised the matter of accountability by the Town Team to the Council as if they are receive the support stated. Cllr Ritchie reassured the Council that the Town team would undertake to provide reports to the Council o tier work.

Resolved to set a precept for 1920/21 at £457,587, with a rise of 2.5%.

70. Nominate and elect a Community Area Transport Group representative. Cllr P Exton nominated himself as the CATG representative until the end of the democratic year 2019/20. This was seconded by Cllr J Gundry.

Resolved Cllr P Exton to be the CATG representative until the end of the democratic year 2019/20.

71. To nominate and elect members to form a Neighbourhood Plan Review Group. (As outlined in Report No. 2, and appendix A)

Cllr K Power reported the Policy and Resources Committee's recommendation to the Full Council and to form a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to do a Neighbourhood plan that would ensure a plan was in place from 2026-2036. Consideration was given to the scope of this plan, and who should be invited to Contribute.

Resolved

1. For the Town Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council Spatial Planning to make arrangements for the drawing up of the 'statement of agreement/common ground' to be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council.
2. To establish a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG) (to report to Full Council). The membership of the NPWG to be Cllrs Doody, Ritchie, P Exton, Power, and Grant.
3. For the Town Clerk to work with Cllr Power to initiate a meeting of the NPWG and local stakeholders as well as Councillors as soon as practicable ion the new year.

72. Request for support for Community Climate Action Day. (As Outlined in Report No. 3)

Cllr Vandelli reported to the Council the work of the Policy and Resources Committee Environmental and Climate Protection Sub Committee and request for a budget of £150 and use of the Town Hall to support a community engagement event, namely a 'Community Climate Action Day' on January 11th 2020.

Resolved to allocate a budget of £150 and the use of the Town Hall to support the work of the Policy and Resources Committee, Environmental and Climate Protection Sub Committee in hosting the 'Community Climate Action Day' on January 11th 2020.

73. To receive a verbal update on the Cross Hayes Toilets refurbishment by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk update the Council on the Cross Hayes toilets project, notably; -
The initial works have started

- A new electrical feed is to be installed on the 9.1.20 running from the Assembly Room fuse box.
- The toilet installation is planned for week beginning 13th January 2020.
- Wiltshire Council building control are due to make a preliminary visit on the 18.12.19.
- The Vale Action final claim submission is now schedule for the end of January 2020.

74. To elect a member of the Town Hall and Facilities Committee for the remainder of the democratic year 2019/20.

Cllr P Smith nominated himself for the Town Hall and Facilities Committee member for the remainder of the democratic year 2019/20. Seconded by Cllr P Exton.

Resolved Cllr P Smith to be a member of the Town Hall and Facilities Committee for the remainder of the democratic year 2019/20

75. To receive updates from Council representatives

- **Twinning Association** – Cllr P Exton thanked the Council on behalf of the Twinning Association for the Council's funding donation.
- **Flood Wardens** – Sue Poole is the acting Flood Co-ordinator.
- **Town Team** – Cllr Ritchie informed the Council that the Town Teams section 106/ Aldi application continues. Late Night Shopping was a success and saw an increase in footfall. The Malmesbury Gift card is now active and has been well received.
- **Local Youth Network (LYN)** – Cllr Vandelli informed the Council the LYN met on the 27th November in Malmesbury School to hear young people's views on their expressed needs, and then on the 10th December where responses were discussed. The options for providers and possible partnerships were being explored.
- **Personnel Committee** – Cllr Jones reported the Committee was next meeting in January.

76. To receive a brief update from Wiltshire Councillor Gavin Grant.

Councillor Gavin Grant updated the Council on the following matters;

1. Some positive progress has been made with Greensquare regarding their development at Burton Hill.
2. The Park Road planning application continues and presents a principle challenge, with implications for Wiltshire.
3. Work to secure a suitable intervention in support of the needs of the rough sleeper in the Town

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Date of next Full Council Meeting: **21.1.20**