

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Town Council held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor F Vandelli

Councillors: C C Doody, J M Exton, P J Exton, A J Gundry, L G Grant, W R Jones, K Power, P Newman, C Hardwick and H Wallace.

ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public and 1 member of the press

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. P Smith, G Darling-Parkes & C Ritchie

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

73. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 22nd January 2019.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council held on the 22nd January were signed and adopted as a correct record.

74. To receive the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 15th January and 5th February 2019.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 15th January 2019 & 5th February, as circulated, be received.

75. To receive the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 6th February 2019.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 6th February 2019, as circulated, be received.

76. To receive the Minutes of the Community and Town Promotion Committee held on 7th February 2019.

RESOLVED that as not all councillors had received the Minutes of the Community & Town Promotion Committee held on 6th February 2019, approval would be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

77. To invite members to consider Draft Appendix 5 of the MTC Business Plan attached as Report No.1.

Cllr Gundry outlined the report that had been circulated to all members. It was RESOLVED to agree to the proposal at item 3 of the report.

78. To consider a new Reserves Policy, recommended for adoption by the Policy and Resources Committee and attached as Report No.2

Cllr Grant commended the preparation of the report and all members thanked Cllr Ritchie for his work on the document. It was RESOLVED to adopt the policy as circulated.

79. To receive an update on the future of the Joint Burial Committee.

Cllr Jones stated that the agreement for St Paul Malmesbury Without PC to withdraw from the JBC is currently with SPMW Parish Council for approval and will be signed & returned shortly.

80. To consider the latest Boundary Commission proposal for Malmesbury and any response from the Town Council.

Cllr Grant outlined the proposal from the Local Government Boundary Commission which would lead to the oldest part of Town being removed from the Malmesbury Division of Wiltshire Council.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that the proposal would be detrimental for community cohesion & good governance. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Grant & Gundry would bring a draft statement from MTC to the next meeting for submission on the consultation by the LGBC and that an open letter from the Mayor would be circulated to other groups that will have an interest in the proposal.

Members expressed thanks to Cllrs Gundry & Grant for the work they had put into producing the report.

81. To consider the format and delivery of the next Town Council Newsletter

Cllr Vandelli requested that Councillors forward items of news that they would like to be included in the newsletter. It was RESOLVED that the newsletter would be designed professionally and that quotes will be sought for the design, printing & delivery of the newsletter.

82. To consider a response to Wiltshire Council on asset transfer and service devolution

It was RESOLVED that there is the appetite at both an officer and councillor level to undertake negotiations for the delegation of services and assets, the Town Council is ready to manage a package of assets & services when transferred and that the Council has the capacity to deliver the grounds maintenance & streetscene services.

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

Cllr Grant updated members on his activities as Wiltshire Councillor which included;

- Car parking charges & his amendment to Wiltshire Council to withdraw the parking charges imposed on public holidays.
- Notification that the Northern Area Planning Committee will discuss the Lidl & Aldi applications on the 6th March
- The LGBC consultation as discussed earlier in the meeting.
- The steps at Waitrose
- Appointment of new Community Engagement Manager
- Next Full Wiltshire Council meeting

The meeting closed at 2105 hrs.