

## **Malmesbury Town Council**

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

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021** at 7.00pm.

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

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

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

- Late Night Shopping had been an enormous success and he thanked all involved including the Town Team
- A meeting had taken place the previous evening regarding the Community Governance Review, and this has resulted in a determination to work closer together with St Paul Without
- Given the rising Covid numbers some of the items on the agenda would be held over to the next meeting

**FC/21/95      Declarations of interest**

None

**FC/21/96      Apologies**

Cllr Sanderson

**FC/21/97      Public Questions on items of business included on the agenda**

None.

**FC/21/98      To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.**

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were received, adopted & signed as a true record.

**FC/21/99      To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

The Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were received and noted.

**FC/21/100      To receive and note the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were received and noted.

**FC/21/101      To receive and note the minutes of the Community & Town Promotions Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

This item is postponed until the next Full Council meeting as the minutes have not received Committee approval yet.

**FC/21/102 To consider the way forward with the issue of the Waitrose steps (Cllr Ritchie)**

**Agreed:** to defer this item until the next Full Council meeting

**FC/21/103 To receive report from Cllr Doody on Bus Transport in the Malmesbury Area**

In addition to Cllr Doody's report Cllr Grant reported he had raised this issue with the Cabinet member responsible on Wiltshire Council. There has been some confusion over the funding for bus services as the Government financial support has been withdrawn. The Cabinet member is writing to the Government to seek a continuance of the funding.

**Resolved:** MTC to write to Government and James Gray, MP on this issue

**Proposed:** Cllr Doody

**Seconded:** Cllr Grant

**FC/21/104 To consider Freedom of the Town event with Buckley Barracks (Cllr Grant)**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Logistics Corps were given freedom of the Town in 2010. Since then, there had been a proposal to sell the Buckley Barracks site, but the Government has decided not to do that now. The Regiment is keen to engage with the town although they are due for a posting to the Continent in late spring next year. To date there has not been an opportunity for the Regiment to exercise their Freedom of the Town rights to march and parade through the town. If possible, the Regiment would like to do this before they leave for the Continent.

**Resolved:** Cllr Grant to work with the Regiment to organise an opportunity for them to march through Malmesbury. A coin to recognise the event would also be given to all involved from the Regiment

**Proposed:** Cllr Grant

**Seconded:** Cllr Ritchie

**FC/21/105 To approve precept request proposal from Policy & Resources (1<sup>st</sup> December 2021)**

Cllr W Jones covered the essential points for consideration, reporting on behalf of the P&R Committee who were recommending a 2% rise in the precept as outlined in the report. Detailed discussions on the budget and reserves had taken place at the last P&R Committee meeting and the recommendation was made taking account of the pressures likely to be felt by residents.

The precept requirement is for £476,710.58. The tax base is 2175.37. The Band D rate will be £219.14 which is a 2% increase.

**Resolved:** to accept the P&R Committee's recommendations for the budget and 2% rise in precept for 2022/23.

**Proposed:** Cllr Grant

**Seconded:** Cllr Power

Cllr W Jones did not vote on this proposal as he lives outside Malmesbury

**FC/21/106 To consider request from Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (report Cllr Power)**

Cllr Power covered the points in her report and confirmed the group were ready to move on to the formal consultation

**Resolved:** that the process should continue, and that authority is delegated to the Working Group to proceed with the next stage

**Proposed:** Cllr Power

**Seconded:** Cllr Grant

**FC/21/107 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;  
Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks  
Market Town Forum**

**Malmesbury Conservation Group**  
**Malmesbury Town Team**  
**Malmesbury and District Twinning Association**  
**Operational Flood**  
**Community Area Transport Group**  
**Local Youth Network Management Group**  
**Movies at Malmesbury**  
**Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc Malmesbury Against Plastic)**  
**Athelstan Statue Project Group**  
**Joint Parish Neighbourhood Plan**

**Agreed:** to defer this item until the Full Council meeting in January

**FC/21/108** **To receive an update from the Wiltshire Councillor Gavin Grant.**  
Cllr Grant reported on;

- His productive and positive meeting with Victoria Moloney from Wiltshire Council. There seem to be a number of opportunities to progress the plans drawn up earlier in the year, with a potential £10k pot to be spent by March 2022.  
**Resolved:** that the High Street Working Party should meet early in the New Year to look at how the potential grant could be spent  
**Proposed:** Cllr Grant **Seconded:** Cllr Power
- The Community Governance Review is in full swing with over 100 replies to the on-line survey. Cllr Grant stressed the importance of prompting Malmesbury residents and those of St Paul's Without to complete the survey
- The Strategic Planning Committee rejected the second site on Park Road. Appeals on both sites should be expected
- The Area Board has approved a grant of £5k towards the cost of installing CCTV in Malmesbury.

Cllr W Jones asked if he could be included in the Community Safety Forum

Finally, the Mayor announced the retirement of Graham Jobes, and thanks were expressed by all the councillors for his contribution to the town.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm