

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 15th February 2022** at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors S D'Arcy, C Doody, P Exton, W Jones, K Power, R Sanderson, P Smith, F Smith, F Vandelli, E Whatton

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

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Mayor met James Gray, MP, along with Cllrs F Smith, K Power and the Town Clerk to discuss planning issues in the town. James Gray was supportive, and he has written to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on MTC's behalf.
Action: The Town Clerk to scan and circulate the correspondence received from James Gray.
- Planning for the Mayor's Ball on April 2nd is underway. There will be live music and a magician. Tickets cost £45 and are selling well

FC/22/16 **Declarations of interest:** None

FC/22/17 **Apologies:** Cllr L G Grant, R P Jones, C Ritchie

FC/22/18 **Public Questions on items of business included on the agenda:** None.

FC/22/19 **To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on January 18th, 2022.**

Resolved: the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on January 18th, 2022, were received and adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr P Smith

Seconded: Cllr Doody

FC/22/20 **To receive and note the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on January 11th, 2022.**

The proposal for the Market Cross has now been referred for an independent feasibility study

Resolved: the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on January 11th, 2022, were received and noted.

Proposed: Cllr Exton

Seconded: Cllr W Jones

FC/22/21 **To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall & Facilities Committee meeting held on November 10th, 2021**

Cllr D'Arcy explained that the watercolour painting had now been purchased. Also, it had been decided not to store the table tennis tables in the Town Hall.

Resolved: the minutes of the Town Hall & Facilities Committee meeting held on November 10th, 2022 were received and noted.

Proposed: Cllr D'Arcy

Seconded: Cllr Vandelli

FC/22/22 To agree a date for the informal open session/strategic plan for co-option of Councillors

It is necessary to recruit three new Councillors to replace Cllrs G Davies, K Davies and J Exton

Agreed: to hold an open day for interested parties to come in and talk to current councillors to gain a better understanding of the role. To hold two sessions, one in the evening from 6/8pm and one on a Saturday from 11am/1pm. Each session will need a couple of councillors to attend. Cllr W Jones will take the lead on this, and he will work with the Town Clerk to organise suitable dates. Cllrs P Smith, Sanderson, Doody and Vandelli will also be involved.

FC/22/23 To receive a brief update from the Jubilee Working Group

Cllr Sanderson provided an update on the projects that are scheduled for the Jubilee weekend, which include tree planting, beacon lighting, a party and a tea party. Cllr D'Arcy agreed to help with the risk assessment for the beacon lighting. Questions were asked over whether the beacon could become a permanent feature in St Aldhelm's Mead/Cuckingstool Mead given the flood risk in the area.

FC/22/24 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. The pay rise has not been finalised yet

Malmesbury Conservation Group – Cllr R Jones was not at the meeting to report

Malmesbury Town Team – Cllr Ritchie was not at the meeting to report

Malmesbury and District Twinning Association – the trip to Gien is going ahead.

Operational Flood Group – nothing to report

Community Area Transport Group – Cllr P Exton will be reporting on this at the next Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

Local Youth Network Management Group – Cllr Vandelli reported that there will be a theatre project in the spring/summer with Last Baguette. The Rise Trust is keen to extend their offering to younger children. This will not be covered by the Area Board funding so MTC may be contacted once the funding needs have been assessed

Movies at Malmesbury –nothing to report

Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc Malmesbury Against Plastic) – Cllr Vandelli reported that the Repair Café will be in the library this weekend. Fruitful Malmesbury are keen to meet up with the Open Spaces Working Group to discuss tree planting

FC/22/25 To receive an update from the Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

Cllr Grant was attending the Wiltshire Council meeting and so was not able to provide a report.

The meeting closed at 19.59 pm