

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Thursday 20th May 2021** at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor C M Ritchie

COUNCILLORS: G Davies, K Davies, C Doody, J M Exton, P Exton, L G Grant, R P Jones, W Jones, K Power, F Smith, P Smith, F Vandelli, E Whatton

ALSO PRESENT: Claire Mann (Acting Town Clerk), Gill Davie (Minutes)
One member of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Sanderson

FC/21/01 To elect the Mayor of Malmesbury for the coming year.

Resolved: that Cllr P Smith be elected to the office of Town Mayor for the civic year 2021/22. There were no other nominations received.

Proposed: Cllr Grant **Seconded:** Cllr J Exton

The Mayor expressed his thanks for the support given to him and explained his commitment to promoting all aspects of Malmesbury in the coming year. His charities will be Heals, the Rise Trust and there will be a one-off charitable event for Maggie's later in the year.

Both Cllr W Jones and Cllr Grant paid tribute to Cllr Ritchie for his outstanding work as Mayor in the last civic year.

FC/21/02 To elect the Deputy Mayor of Malmesbury for the coming year.

Resolved: that Cllr Power be elected to the office of Deputy Town Mayor for the civic year 2021/22. There were no other nominations. The vote was carried with one abstention.

Proposed: Cllr Doody **Seconded:** Cllr Ritchie

The Deputy Mayor thanked Councillors for their support.

FC/21/03 To co-opt a member for the vacancy in Malmesbury (Backbridge Ward)

Resolved: to complete the co-option process within 35 days from the election by advertising the position through the Town Hall asking for applications with a closing date of 9am on June 1st. A formal interview of candidates will follow.

Proposed: Cllr W Jones **Seconded:** Cllr Grant

FC/21/04 To adjourn the meeting whilst Committees meet for the selection of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

The Mayor presented a list showing the preferences of Councillors and proposed that the allocation be adopted for the civic year 2021/22.

Approved: the allocation proposal as presented by Cllr P Smith

Planning & Environment Committee: Cllrs Doody J Exton, P Exton, R P Jones, W Jones, Ritchie, Sanderson, Whatton

Town Hall & Facilities Committee: Cllrs G Davies, Doody, J Exton, P Exton, Grant, W Jones, F Smith, Vandelli

Community & Town Promotions: Cllrs Doody, R P Jones, Power, Ritchie, Sanderson, F Smith, Vandelli, Whatton

Burial Committee: Cllrs G Davies, K Davies, P Exton, W Jones, Ritchie, Sanderson, Vandelli

The Mayor adjourned the Council meeting for meetings of the Planning & Environment, Town Hall & Facilities, Community & Town Promotions and Burial Committees to take place. Following the election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to these Committees the Council reconvened.

FC/21/05 To appoint Councillors to the Policy & Resources Committee

Consideration was given to the appointment of Councillors to the Policy & Resources Committee. The Mayor reminded the councillors that four of the seats on that committee were allocated to the Chairs of the Service Committees of the Council and held by those councillors whilst in their respective roles.

The Councillors holding those seats by virtue of their being elected Chairs of committees were Cllrs P Exton, Grant, Power, Ritchie

Resolved: that the other four seats on the Policy & Resources Committee be allocated to Cllrs W Jones, F Smith, P Smith, Vandelli

Proposed: Cllr Grant

Seconded: Cllr W Jones

FC/21/06 To elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee

Resolved: that Cllr W Jones be elected as Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee for the civic year 2021/22

Proposed: Cllr Grant

Seconded: Cllr P Smith

Resolved: that Cllr Grant be elected as Vice-Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee for the civic year 2021/22

Proposed: Cllr W Jones

Seconded: Cllr Vandelli

FC/21/07 To appoint representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on outside organisations.

The Town Council agreed to the following appointments to outside organisations as representatives of the Town Council for the civic year 2021/22:

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks – Cllr W Jones

Market Town Forum – Cllr Power
Malmesbury Conservation Group – Cllr R P Jones
Malmesbury Town Team – Cllr Ritchie
Malmesbury and District Twinning Association – Cllrs Doody and J Exton
Operational Flood Group – a decision was deferred pending discussion with Cllr Sanderson.
Community Area Transport Group – Cllr P Exton
Local Youth Network Management Group – Cllr Vandelli
Movies at Malmesbury – Cllr Doody
Malmesbury Climate Action Network (inc Malmesbury Against Plastic) – Cllr Vandelli
Athelstan Statue Project Group – Cllr Ritchie

FC/21/08 **To confirm the date for Councillor Training, 7pm on either Thursday 27th May, Thursday 3rd June, or Thursday 17 June**

Action: The Acting Town Clerk will organise for the Training to take place on Thursday 27th May at 7pm

FC/21/09 **To consider date for the Mayor's Robing Ceremony**

Resolved: to hold a low-key event, within the current government guidelines on June 3rd. The Acting Town Clerk will organise the event.

Proposed: Cllr Grant

Seconded: Cllr Vandelli

The meeting closed at 8.14pm