

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllrs G Grant, P Exton, K Power, RP Jones, C Ritchie, R Hastings, R Sanderson, J Slade, I Wallis, W Jones, L Crawford-Price, E Whatton, C Doody & F Smith.

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

Mayors Announcements

Cllr Grant detailed his civic engagements and thanked Cllrs Exton & Doody for stepping in when required. It was also requested that the next Full Council meeting be moved to the 27th February due to a clash with the Area Board, all agreed.

FC/24/01 To receive declarations of interest.

None received.

FC/24/02 To receive apologies for absence.

Received from Cllrs D'Arcy & James.

FC/24/03 Public questions on items of business included on the agenda.

There were no public questions.

FC/24/04 To receive and adopt minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 12th December 2023

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

FC/24/05 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meetings held on the 28th November & 19th December 2023.

Cllr Exton expressed his bitter disappointment that the meeting on the 28th November was inquorate and therefore no decisions were able to be made, he requested that members forward apologies in plenty of time so as to ensure no-ones time is wasted.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th December were received and noted.

FC/24/06 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 6th December 2023.

The minutes were received and noted.

FC/24/07 To receive and note the minutes of the Community Engagement & Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 9th November 2023

The minutes were received and noted.

FC/24/08 To vote for Cotswolds National Landscape Board Member.

It was resolved to vote for Cllr Ray Sanderson as Cotswolds National Landscape Board Member.

FC/24/09 To consider budget implications following revised tax base figure circulated by Wiltshire Council (2269.18) after Town Council budget setting meeting on the 14th December.

Cllr Grant had circulated a report detailing the implications prior to the meeting. Following intense discussion and debate, it was resolved to leave the precept requirement at £538,852.

It was also resolved that the final budget figure would not be determined until the January meeting of Full Council in future.

FC/24/10 To consider future banking services in Malmesbury noting that the mobile Lloyds van ceases its visits on the 29th May 2024.

It was agreed that Cllr Grant will write to the Managing Director of Lloyds Bank, requesting that the mobile vehicle continues to attend outside the Town Hall until a Banking Hub is set up in Malmesbury. The Town Clerk will submit an application to Link to review Malmesbury's banking requirements.

FC/24/11 To receive updates from Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations, where report had been received;

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks – No update

Malmesbury Conservation Group – Cllr Power provided an update.

Malmesbury Town Team – Cllr Ritchie had circulated his report ahead of the meeting.

Malmesbury & District Twinning Association – Cllr Doody reported that two people from Gien are hoping to come to Malmesbury for extended stays.

Operational Flood Group – No update.

LHFIG – The installation of a bollard at the bottom of Market Lane is imminent, also the restoration of another disabled parking space outside the Sue Ryder shop in the Cross Hayes.

Local Youth Network Management Group – No update

Movies @ Malmesbury – No update

Bus Service improvement – No update

Health & Well-being Forum – NO meeting has taken place recently.

Community Safety Forum – Cllr Power provided an update.

Action Network (inc Malmesbury Against Plastics) – No update

FC/24/12 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

Cllr Grant reported The 2024-'25 Wiltshire Council Budget process is starting with a Members briefing next week. The Budget and Council Tax decisions will be made at the meeting of the Full Council meeting at County Hall on Tuesday 20th February. The Council's leadership still intend not to fund VisitWiltshire in 2024-'25.

The January Malmesbury Area Board sub-committee meetings of the Local Youth Network (LYN) and the Local Highways Footpaths Improvements Group (LHFIG) took place this afternoon and this evening respectively.

Wiltshire Council has launched a new grants programme to encourage new businesses or those seeking to up-grade to move to empty premises on High Streets. Cllr Grant has issued a press release with the support of Scott Media.

The Head of Place for the Wiltshire area of the Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Partnership will be attending the next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board on Tuesday 13th February.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm