

16th January 2017

Minutes of the proceedings of the **CIVIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **Main Hall, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7.30pm to 7.55pm.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr P Mirfin

Councillors: M Bishop (Vice-Chairman), Mrs UK Clark, Mrs G S Hewetson (The Mayor), Mrs S Steatham, T Lack, J McGhee-Sumner and R J Wyatt.

IN ATTENDANCE

Civic Officer – Nicola Payler

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. P Lucey.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)

No questions have been received.

CIVIC COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Wyatt and it was

**RESOLVED
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that the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 14th November 2016 (pages 15260 to 15262) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

that the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 8th December 2016 (pages 15282 to 15283) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 10th January 2017 was received and noted.

1) Wokingham app

The Civic Officer explained that discussions are taking place with the Marketing and Arts and Culture Officer to consider ideas for promoting the app more throughout the year.

The Chairman asked for this item to be removed from the monitoring report but for the committee to receive updates once or twice a year with progress.

ACTION: CIVIC OFFICER

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

A report on the Committee's expenditure to 31st December 2016 was received and noted.



COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE (Agenda Item 7)

The Chairman explained that Wokingham Town Council's standing orders require Cllr Mrs Steatham's non-attendance at Civic Committee meetings to be discussed.

Cllr Mrs Steatham profusely apologised for her lack of attendance and advised the members that she was not aware that she was a member of the Civic Committee. Provided that the committee accepted her apology, Cllr Mrs Steatham told members she would look forward to future meetings.

**RESOLVED
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It was proposed by Cllr McGhee-Sumner and seconded by Cllr Wyatt and it was that the Committee accepted Cllr Mrs Steatham's explanation and welcomed her to the Civic Committee.

HONORARY BUGLER (Agenda Item 8)

The committee considered the idea of an appointment for an honorary bugler.

**RESOLVED
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It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hewetson and seconded by Cllr Mirfin and it was that Mr Damon Emes should be officially appointed as Honorary Bugler with an annual honorarium of £200 in line with the Council's existing Honoraries.

It was agreed that Mr Emes should wear his Saint Sebastian Wokingham Band uniform when performing duties.

ACTION: CIVIC OFFICER

CIVIC AWARD PIN (Agenda Item 9)

The Committee re-considered the idea of Civic Award winners being given a pin each year in recognition for their efforts, in addition to the current glass award they receive.

It was agreed by all members that the glass award that the Council currently gives award winners is quite sufficient and that an additional pin is not required at this time.

ACTION: CIVIC OFFICER

IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF THE MONARCH AND/OR SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY (Agenda Item 10)

The Committee received and noted the Civic Officer's report 6/2016-2017 dated 10th January 2017 together with a first draft of a document from the Wokingham Borough Council outlining steps that they will take once a formal announcement has been made.

The Civic Officer advised the committee that an update would be provided at the next meeting as more information develops.

ACTION: CIVIC OFFICER



INFORMATION ITEMS (Agenda Item 11)

The Committee received and noted confirmation that Wokingham Town Council had raised £386.49 towards a total of £49,635.49 of the Wokingham Poppy appeal.

The members felt that the amount of money raised by Wokingham Town Council was not as much as previous years and they asked the Civic Officer to put a rota in place for future years to help support this.

ACTION: CIVIC OFFICER

CHAIRMAN

