

5th December 2017

Minutes of the proceedings of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held this day in the **MAIN HALL, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM**, from 7.30pm to 8.05pm.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr P M Lucey (Mayor)

Cllrs: M Bishop, C J Bowring, N Campbell-White, D O H Davies, Mrs A N Drake, L Forbes, C R George, S C Gurney, Mrs G S Hewetson, T Lack, J P McGhee-Sumner, J P Mirfin, M Monk., K G Morgan, M L Richards, I L Shepherd-Dubey, S Steatham, R J Wyatt.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jan Nowecki – Town Clerk

Nicky Harmsworth – Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Reverend Catherine Bowstead of the Methodist Church.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs M Ashwell, D G Lee, C D Moore, S Odedra, A N Waters and Mrs UK Clark

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

No questions had been received.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr R J Wyatt and seconded by Cllr J McGhee-Sumner and the following was

**RESOLVED
29649**

that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 17th October 2017 (pages 15448 to 15452) be confirmed as a true and correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item 5)

The Mayor invited the Councillors to join him for a glass of wine after the meeting.

The Mayor's list of engagements were received and noted. Eighty eight engagements had been undertaken in this busy period.

ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING (Agenda Item 6)

Cllr Mrs G Hewetson gave an overview of some key points noted in the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Hewetson and seconded by Cllr K Morgan and the following was

**RESOLVED
29650**

that the minutes and any recommendations of the Arts & Culture Committee meeting held on the 1st November 2017 (pages 15457 to 15459) be received.

Cllr Mrs G Hewetson also gave an update on the renamed Wokingham Mosaic which provided public art for the Town.

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
(Agenda Item 7)**

Cllr N Campbell-White gave an overview on some key points noted in the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr N Campbell-White and seconded by Cllr A Drake and the following was

**RESOLVED
29651** that the minutes and any recommendations of the Amenities Committee meetings held on the 12th September 2017 (pages 15460 to 15468) be received.

It was proposed by Cllr N Campbell-White and seconded by Cllr M Bishop and the following was

**RESOLVED
29652** that the minutes and any recommendations of the Extraordinary Amenities Committee meeting held on the 21st November 2017 (pages 15473 to 15475) be received.

**PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
(Agenda Item 8)**

Cllr N Campbell-White gave an overview on some key points noted in the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr N Campbell-White and seconded by Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey and the following was

**RESOLVED
29653** that the minutes and any recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Committee meetings held on the 14th November 2017 (pages 15469 to 15472) be received.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
(Agenda Item 9)**

Cllr D Davies gave an overview on some key points noted in the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr D Davies and seconded by Cllr R J Wyatt and the following was

**RESOLVED
29654** that the minutes and any recommendations of the Finance and Personnel Grants Committee meeting held on the 31st October 2017 (pages 15453 to 15456) and the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 28th November 2017 (pages 15479 to 15488) be received.

**STRATEGY WORKING PARTY
(Agenda Item 9)**

It was proposed by Cllr D O H Davies and seconded by Cllr S Gurney and the following was

**RESOLVED
29655** that the notes and any recommendations of the Strategy Working Party held on the on 15th November 2017 be received.

**MARKETS DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY
(Agenda Item 11)**

The Town Clerk's report 19/2017 was received and noted.

It was proposed by Cllr P Lucey and seconded by Cllr D Davies and the following was

**RESOLVED
29656**

that the notes and any recommendations of the Market Development Working Party held on the on 29th November 2017 be received.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES
(Agenda Item 12)**

Reports were received from Councillors who represent the Town Council on the following outside bodies:

- Wokingham United Charities – Verbal report from Cllr Wyatt
- Citizens Advice Wokingham
- Emmbrook Village Hall
- Borough Parish Liaison
- Berkshire Association of Local Councils – verbal report from Cllr Bishop
- Wokingham District Association of Local Councils – verbal report from Cllr Bishop

**TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION
(Agenda Item 13)**

Cllr P Mirfin gave an update on Peach Place, Elms Field and Carnival Developments. Cllrs were advised that since the M&S site had recently been purchased by WBC it should be noted that the carpark at the site is also being managed by WBC Civil Enforcement Officers and the current arrangements for free use of the car park for WTC Councillors after 6pm for meeting attendance would be coming to an end. The Town Clerk advised that she would be writing to Councillors shortly with HMRC guidelines. Thanks were given to the Town Clerk for the excellent work she had been doing for the Market Place.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

**COUNCIL YEAR CALENDAR
(Agenda Item 14)**

The Town Council municipal year calendar May 2018 to April 2019 was received and noted. The Town Clerk advised that Clerks for each committee would shortly send out invites to each meeting.

CHAIRMAN