



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE
TOWN HALL, 5 CHURCH STREET, AYLESBURY, ON THURSDAY
14TH MARCH 2019**

In the Chair: Cllr M Willis (Town Mayor)

Present:

Cllr C Adams	Cllr M Bateman	Cllr Mrs S Chapple
Cllr B Chapple OBE	Cllr A Christensen	Cllr Mrs A Harrison
Cllr A Huxley	Cllr T Hussain	Cllr T Hunter-Watts
Cllr R Lloyd	Cllr Mrs S Morgan	Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot
Cllr W Raja	Cllr Mrs B Russel	Cllr M Smith
Cllr Mrs R Takodra MBE		

Officers in attendance: Mr K Gray (Town Clerk)
Mr M Broughton (Deputy Town Clerk)

Ms V. Hope-Walker (National Paralympic Heritage Trust)

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited guest speaker, Ms Vicky Hope-Walker of the National Paralympic Heritage Trust to address Council.

Ms Hope-Walker gave a brief presentation outlining the history of the organisation along with current and on-going plans which included the opening of the new Heritage Centre on 30 March this year. Great strides had been made in fundraising with a target of £2.2m to 2020 of which some £1.7m had been raised to date. Funding was needed to provide the Heritage Centre, website, volunteers, education & exhibitions and archives and collections. Ms Hope-Walker emphasised how important it was to promote the Trust and this could be done in a number of different ways. Members then asked a number of questions including how public engagement might be maximized locally through social media and alternative funding sources. IN response, Ms Hope-Walker indicated that some 1,500 leaflets had been distributed within Aylesbury and that the Trust widely used social media networks to promote their work as well as submitting an article for the Aylesbury Town Matters newsletter. Further funding was being explored through a number of sources including the William Harding Trust, HS2 Community Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Town Mayor thanked Ms Hope-Walker for her very informative presentation.

The Town Mayor called the meeting to order at 7.23 p.m.

- 1. TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
RESOLVED: To receive, note and accept the following apologies from Councillors for non-attendance at the meeting: Cllrs Mrs D Summers

(Communities Committee business), T Dixon (Communities Committee Business), Mrs J Bloom (illness), G Moore (family commitment), M White (work commitments) and B Adams (family commitments)

2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair referred to the Mayoral list of civic engagements in February 2019 which had been circulated in advance of the meeting and highlighted in particular his visits to the Young Carers Youth Club, the swearing-in of Magistrates at the Crown Court and his visit to the Monday Club.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Mrs Harrison made two announcements. Firstly, that the JPPC had received an "Outstanding" rating from the recent Ofsted inspection and she wished to recognise the immense effort that officers had made towards gaining this result by making a public vote of thanks to all concerned. Secondly, the Leader drew attention to the Group Leader's meeting scheduled last month but only two people were in attendance. Regardless, she backed the idea of scheduling such meetings again in the future. Cllr C Adams apologised that he had been unable to attend the Leaders Meeting but backed the idea of scheduling future meetings. Members universally recognised the Ofsted achievement.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare and note any personal or prejudicial interests, and to declare and note any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

No declarations of interest were made.

5. MINUTES

To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th February 2019.

Cllr Mrs Puddefoot drew attention to the fact that the Police had not attended as guest speakers and asked for this to be included in the Minutes.

Cllr C Adams referred to his apologies for the last meeting, which had not been recorded. The Town Clerk responded that the e-mail stating apologies had only been received about 20 minutes before the start of the meeting and in any case had only been seen the next morning. He suggested that if members wished to submit apologies for absence this should be done by 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Cllr Adams queried whether this procedure reflected Standing Orders. After further discussion it was agreed that Cllr Adams apologies be noted in the Minutes.

RESOLVED: That the draft minutes be duly received, accepted and agreed, and that the Town Council meeting on 14th February 2019 be signed as a true record subject to the addition of noting the Police were unable to be present and that Cllr Adams apologies be duly noted.

[Cllr Bateman left the meeting at 7.45 p.m.]

6. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

To receive a report from the Clerk on additional matters not on the agenda, if applicable

The Town Clerk had no matters to report.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

RESOLVED: To take Minutes "as read" and to note/accept Minutes accordingly

- i) Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr R Lloyd
 - a) To receive Minutes of 11th February 2019
 - b) To receive draft Minutes of 25th February 2019
- ii) Policy Committee - Cllr Mrs A Harrison
 - a) To note that the next meeting would be held on 10th April 2019
- iii) Direct Services Committee - Cllr Mrs A Harrison
 - a) To note the next meeting will be held on 28th March 2019
- iv) Communities Committee - Cllr T Dixon
 - a) To receive draft Minutes of 5th March 2019
- v) Grants Committee - Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot
 - a) To note that the next meeting will be held on 27th March 2019
- vi) Finance Committee - Cllr M Smith
 - a) To receive any important updates from the Chairman arising from the meeting held on 13th March 2019

8. FINANCIAL

a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 11 (February 2019)

b) Cashbooks for Month 11 (February 2019)

The Chairman of Finance Committee referred to page 23 of the reports and drew attention to the latest projected budget underspend of approximately £24k and the General Reserve stood at 32%. No questions had been received from members.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr C Adams, seconded by Cllr Mrs Harrison and on being put to the vote duly carried that the cash book statements and bank reconciliation for Month 11 (February 2019) and the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report for Month 11 (February 2019) be endorsed.

9. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive verbal reports from Outside Body representatives.

Aylesbury Town Twinning Association

No report.

Aylesbury Vale Multi-cultural Centre

No report

Town Centre Partnership

Cllr Raja indicated that a new restaurant would be incorporated in to the Hale Leys Shopping Centre. Cllr Lloyd advised that the applicants had attended the Planning and Licensing Committee.

Elizabeth Eman Trust

Cllr Mrs Puddefoot indicated that the Trust had not met recently.

Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum

No report

William Harding Charity Trust

No report

Arla Liaison Group

Cllr Hunter-Watts reported on a proposal to build an extension to the existing cold storage facility and both Aston Clinton and Buckland parish councils had objected. There were still complaints from residents regarding noise and odours emanating from the site.

10. CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES QUESTION TIME

- **Planning Committee** (*Cllr Lloyd*)
Cllr Mrs Puddefoot drew attention to the large bicycle rack at the new development on the former cinema site. The Chairman indicated that the Committee did identify the benefits of cycling and such facilities at this location and this was much needed. Cllr C Adams queried the modelling of roads at The Willows site and the Chairman gave reassurance that this matter had already been considered at the last meeting and that residential roads coming off a dual carriageway at a roundabout may not be the best solution. Cllr Adams also asked about leisure facilities at the same site and the Chairman referred to the discussion and decisions taken at the February Council meeting in this regard.
- **Policy Committee** (*Cllr Mrs Harrison*)
Cllr Christensen was concerned that The Works outlet is currently up for sale. Cllr Mrs Harrison reminded members that the outlet would still have a future in Aylesbury, in a different location. The Mayor suggested that the retail sector in the town was a significant issue and invited members to consider the worth of placing a motion to a future meeting in order to have a wide-ranging debate.

- **Direct Services Committee** (*Cllr Mrs Harrison*)
Cllr C Adams commended officers for recent grass cutting in his ward.
- **Communities Committee** (*Cllr Dixon*)
No questions
- **Grants Committee** (*Cllr Mrs Puddefoot*)
Cllr Mrs Puddefoot reminded members that the next meeting would be held on 27 March.
- **Finance Committee** (*Cllr Smith*)
Cllr B Chapple proffered his late apologies for absence in not being able to attend the Finance Committee meeting yesterday.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 8.12 p.m.

Mayor _____ Date _____