

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, 5 CHURCH STREET, AYLESBURY, ON THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2019

In the Chair: Cllr M Willis (Town Mayor)

Present: Cllr C Adams Cllr M Bateman Cllr Mrs J Bloom

Cllr Mrs S Chapple Cllr B Chapple OBE Cllr T Dixon
Cllr Mrs A Harrison Cllr T Hunter-Watts Cllr T Hussain
Cllr S Jarvis Cllr R Lloyd Cllr Mrs S Morgan
Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot Cllr W Raja Cllr Mrs B Russel

Cllr Mrs R Takodra MBE Cllr W Winn

Officers in attendance: Mr K Gray, JP (Town Clerk)

Cllrs Mrs R Takodra and Mrs J Puddefoot gave some feedback on a recent meeting dealing with scam publicity which they thought all town councilors would be interested in hearing.

The Town Mayor called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

## 1. TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from: Cllr M Smith (prior commitment), Cllr A Christensen (prior commitment), Cllr Mrs D Summers (prior commitment), Cllr G Moore (work commitment), Cllr B Adams (family commitment) and Cllr A Huxley (prior commitment).

## 2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1<sup>st</sup> March Women's Day of Prayer,

5<sup>th</sup> March Mix 96 Pancake Race (3<sup>rd</sup> place!)

6th March RBL 'Thank You' evening

8<sup>th</sup> March Exchange Opening

9<sup>th</sup> March Mayor's Charity Concert

12<sup>th</sup> March 12 Aylesbury Cub visit to the chamber

13th March Aylesbury Foodbank Visit

14th March Henry Floyd School - Young Enterprise

15<sup>th</sup> March Mayor of Milton Keynes Civic Reception (DM)

21st March Aylesbury Society Question Time

24<sup>th</sup> March Bowie Statue Anniversary

**AVDC Chairman Civic Service** 

26th March Young Enterprise Finals at AVDC

28th March Interview with Luton and Dunstable Hospital Radio

28th March ATC Community networking evening

29th March National Paralympic Heritage Centre Opening

30<sup>th</sup> March RBL Awards Afternoon

Mayors Charity Dinner

## 3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Mrs A Harrison reminded Members of the Annual Town/Parish Meeting and Annual Town Council Meeting scheduled for May. She asked the Town Clerk to issue the list of Committee Membership to Group Leaders so thought can be given to changes in membership ready for agreement at the relevant meeting.

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No declarations made, and no dispensations requested.

## 5. MINUTES

Cllr Mrs Puddefoot requested an amendment to item 10 - Planning Committee questions. Whilst referring to the bicycle rack she did not use the word "large" and therefore wished the word "large" to be removed from the minutes. RESOLVED: With the above amendment, to agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th March, 2019.

#### 6. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

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

No additional matters raised.

# 7. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

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

### i) Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr R Lloyd

- a) To receive Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- b) To receive draft Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- To receive any important updates from the Chairman arising from the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 No updates reported.

#### ii) Policy Committee - Cllr Mrs A Harrison

 To receive any important updates from the Chairman arising from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Cllr Mrs A Harrison drew Members' attention to the recent decision made by the Policy Committee on proposals made to change Finance Committee remit and Schedule of Full Council Meetings. Minutes of the relevant meeting will be copied to councilors as per procedure.

#### iii) Direct Services Committee - Cllr Mrs A Harrison

a) To receive draft Minutes of 28th March 2019

# iv) Communities Committee - Cllr T Dixon

a) To receive any important updates from the Chairman arising from the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019. No updates reported.

## v) Grants Committee - Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot

a) To receive draft Minutes of 27th March 2019

#### vi) Finance Committee - Cllr M Smith

a) To receive draft Minutes of 13th March 2019

#### 8. FINANCIAL

Cllr Mrs A Harrison updated members on the current underspend figures.

Councilor's are asked to send any questions to officers and/or Cllr M. Smith before the meeting so that any necessary information may be gathered.

 No questions received from Members either before or during the meeting.

RESOLVED: To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 12 (March 2019).

#### 9. CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES QUESTION TIME

## Planning & Licensing Committee

Cllr B Chapple expressed concerns on an application for retrospective planning permission for 93 Walton Way. Local residents were also concerned about this application and he wished to know what decision the committee had made. Cllr R Lloyd explained that an objection had been made on this application and the Town Council will be sending a representative to the Development Control meeting to oppose the application.

Cllr Mrs Puddefoot asked for clarification on the process and procedures of planning enforcement. Advice was given by Cllr Lloyd and the Town Clerk.

## **Policy Committee**

No questions

#### **Direct Services Committee**

Cllr C Adams asked if the Town Council would send a letter of concern to Buckinghamshire County Council on the lack of maintenance on roundabouts across the town. He also asked for clarification on the process of maintenance for the central reservations on Friarage Road. The Town Clerk explained the current maintenance programme and further work is planned to clean out the weeds and litter from the planting areas at each end of the sections.

Cllr Mrs S Morgan asked for a reminder on how weeds were dealt with. The Town Clerk requested that Cllr Morgan send him the specific details of her queries so that a clear and correct answer could be given to her.

# **Communities Committee**

No questions

### **Grants Committee**

No questions

#### **Finance Committee**

No questions

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To note the next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

 Cllr Mrs J Bloom offered apologies for non-attendance at the Annual Town/Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Town Council due to a prior commitment.

There being no further business of the Council, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at  $7.25\ p.m.$ 

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