



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
TOWN HALL, 5 CHURCH STREET, AYLESBURY, ON THURSDAY  
13th JUNE 2019**

**In the Chair:** Cllr M Smith (Town Mayor)

**Present:**

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 Mrs S Morgan
Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot	Cllr W Raja	Cllr Mrs B Russel
Cllr Mrs R Takodra MBE	Cllr W Winn	Cllr M Willis
Cllr M White		

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

**Guest Speaker:** PC West (Thames Valley Police)

There was one member of the public present

The Town Mayor invited guest speaker, PC Samuel West of Thames Valley Police to address Council.

PC West highlighted drops in recorded crime in several categories across the wider area and specifically on narcotics, the police had recovered £120k (2.6 kgs) in the last year, along with £65k in cash, with 25 arrests on County Lines. More locally, priorities for the police in the neighbourhood area had resulted in fewer burglaries, distraction thefts and shoplifting. Drinking in Kingsbury Square was also an important area to deal with and the police had worked with off-licences in this respect, along with instances of aggressive begging, and anti-social behaviour in Highbridge Walk.

Members then asked a number of questions about areas of concern, including the recent IYIM campaign, street begging in the vicinity of the cinema, use of mini-motorbikes on residential estates, Highbridge Walk and area drug issues, intimidation and loitering in Kingsbury Square, CCTV coverage and on-street drinking. PC West responded by highlighting that the team (consisting of 4 officers and himself) were flexible and reactive, and all covered the town centre area so would be able to potentially address all the particular concerns raised by councillors, if not already doing so. PC West stressed the multi-agency approach being taken and also positive community engagement through social media and other channels.

Members advised that the top crime priority in the town was Kingsbury Square and PC West duly acknowledged this point.

The Town Mayor thanked PC West for attending the meeting and updating members on local crime matters and then welcomed all attendees, formally convening the meeting at 7.27 p.m.

1. **TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
**RESOLVED:** To receive and accept apologies for absence from:  
Cllr A Christensen (work commitment), Cllr G Moore (holiday), Cllr R Lloyd (other Council business), Cllr S Jarvis (other Council business), Cllr Mrs D Summers (ill health) and Cllr A Huxley (prior commitment). The Town Clerk was also absent, attending a unitary council event.
2. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
The Town Mayor highlighted his visit to Byron House for the CQC Awards Dinner.
3. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Cllr R Lloyd was not present.
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**  
To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
**RESOLVED:** That the Draft Minutes be duly received, accepted and agreed as a correct record by the Chairman.
6. **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**  
To receive a report from the Clerk on additional matters not on the agenda, if applicable.  
The Deputy Town Clerk indicated that there were no additional matters.
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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019
    - b) To receive Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019
    - c) To receive draft Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019
  - ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
    - a) To note the next meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019
  - iii) **Direct Services Committee** - Cllr S Jarvis
    - a) To receive draft Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019
  - iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
    - a) To receive any important updates from the Chairman arising from the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019. No updates reported.
  - v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot
    - a) To note the next meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr M Smith
  - a) To receive any important updates from the Chairman arising from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## 8. FINANCIAL

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 1 (April 2019)
- b) Cash Books for Month 1 (April 2019)

Councillors 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 and Cash Books to Month 1 (April 2019).

- c) To receive and approve the Annual Governance Statement/Review 2018/19 (as recommended by Finance Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Willis and on being put to the vote carried unanimously that the Annual Governance Statement/Review 2018/19 be duly approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting.

## 9. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2019/20

To consider and decide upon membership of the standing committees in the 2019/20 municipal year.

A list detailing membership by committee was tabled. The Deputy Town Clerk indicated that feedback had been sought from respective group leaders but there were still a number of vacancies on all but one committee, which ideally needed to be filled.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Dixon that Cllr Willis join the Communities Committee and duly carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Raja, seconded by Cllr White, that Cllr Mrs Morgan join the Direct Services Committee and duly carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Raja, seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan that Cllr Dixon join the Finance Committee and duly carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Puddefoot, seconded by Cllr Dixon that Cllr Mrs Takodra join the Communities Committee and duly carried unanimously.

The updated committee list, reflecting the changes agreed, is appended to these minutes.

## 10. CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES QUESTION TIME

*Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr Lloyd*  
No questions

*Policy Committee - Cllr Lloyd*

Cllr Winn requested that the local police inspector be sent a letter thanking PC West for attending the meeting and for providing a fully detailed briefing. Members concurred that a letter be sent.

*Direct Services Committee - Cllr Jarvis*

No questions

*Communities Committee - Cllr Dixon*

No questions

*Grants Committee - Cllr Puddefoot*

No questions

*Finance Committee - Cllr Smith*

No questions

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the next meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business of the Council, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.41 p.m.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_