



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

**In the Chair:** Cllr T Hussain (Deputy Town Mayor)

**Present:**

Cllr B Adams	Cllr C Adams	Cllr M Bateman
Cllr Mrs S Chapple	Cllr A Christensen	Cllr T Dixon
Cllr A Huxley	Cllr R Lloyd	Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot
Cllr W Raja	Cllr Mrs B Russel	Cllr Mrs D Summers
Cllr Mrs R Takodra MBE	Cllr M White	Cllr M Willis

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

In the absence of the Town Mayor, The Deputy Town Mayor took the chair. He welcomed back to the Council Chamber, Cllr Mrs D Summers after her illness and it was proposed that a get -well card be sent to Cllr B Chapple as he is currently not able to attend council meetings for the near future.

The Deputy Town Mayor welcomed representatives from the Aylesbury Hindu Temple Trust, who gave out food and sweets as part of the Diwali Celebratory period. A short presentation was made on the work of the trust and how supportive the town council has been to them, which is appreciated.

- 1. TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
**RESOLVED:** To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr B Chapple (illness), Cllr M Winn (AVDC Commitment), Cllr M Smith (prior commitment), Cllr Mrs A Harrison (work commitment), Cllr G Moore (work commitment), Cllrs Mrs S Morgan (illness), Cllr Mrs J Bloom (prior commitment).
- 2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Mayoral Engagements - October 2019**  
The Deputy Town Mayor referred to the list of events that he and the Town Mayor carried out:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Wheelpower National Junior Games
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inspiring Minds (24hr Badminton Relay)
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bierton Pre-school Play Garden Opening
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bucks Mind Queens Awards for Volunteering
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Aylesbury Concert Band 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Refil Aylesbury Launch
	Black History Month exhibition, Multicultural Centre
	Festival of Lights Celebration
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Stoke Mandeville Brownies Visit to Chamber
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cards for Good Causes Christmas Card Launch
	RBL Aylesbury Poppy Launch
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Southcourt & Walton Court Holiday Club

### 3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Lloyd gave feedback on the recent meeting of the Town Council Unitary Working Group. He reported that all members of the group, which is cross-party, fully supported the previous, current and future works and actions that the Town Clerk was involved in regarding discussions with officers at Bucks County Council and the Shadow Executive concerning asset and service delivery transfer to the Town Council. The Town Clerk is part of a working group with localism officers and is the town council lead on these discussions. Regular reports are being made to the working group and full council will be asked in due course to formally approve proposals.

He also encouraged members to look at other town councils who have already gone through this process such as Chippenham, Newquay and others. This will give our town council an idea of the decisions that will need to be made in moving this work forward.

He also gave an update on the discussion with the Ernest Cook Trust representatives and HS2 staff on the proposed land use for a Sports Stadium, which is urgently needed for the town. These meetings have been positive and hopefully we can move forward on this vision. Aylesbury United Football Club, the Football Association and other stakeholders have all be contacted and are engaged positively with the proposal.

HS2 Community Engagement Team have been in contact with us with a view to involve the town council more positively on matters that will affect the town once HS2 works start to take place and the town is affected by an increase in vehicles and traffic/road upheaval due to the proposed works. There is also a need for positive mitigations discussion with HS2 and how Aylesbury town can benefit from this.

### 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 or dispensations requested.

The Town Clerk advised that he had granted the necessary dispensation to all councilors so they could speak/make decisions in respect of the agenda item on Councillor Allowances.

### 5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### 6. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

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

Nothing additional to report.

### 7. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

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

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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019
  - b) To receive draft Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
  - a) To note the next meeting will be held on 22nd January 2020
- iii) **Direct Services Committee** - Cllr S Jarvis
  - a) To note the next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
  - a) To receive draft Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr Mrs J Puddefoot
  - a) To receive draft Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr M Smith
  - a) To receive any important updates from the Chairman following the meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## 8. FINANCIAL

- a) RESOLVED: To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 6 (September 2019)
- b) RESOLVED: To accept the information and reports relating to the Cash Books for Month 6 (September 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 were received or asked during the meeting.

- c) To receive, acknowledge and formally accept the Internal Audit - First Interim Report 2019-20 report.

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the Internal Audit - First Interim Report 2019-20. Councillors noted the positive comments from the Auditor and thanked the Town Clerk and Staff for their work and continued professional approach and work in respect of the council's finances.

## 9. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME

To consider the scheme of members allowances (reference Minute 11/19 of the Policy Committee, 3 July 2019).

Discussion took place on the importance of councilors being assisted correctly and financially to enable them to carry out their public duties. It was also unanimously agreed that it was important that no one should be affected negatively in their role and especially hindered in anyway in taking on the role of Town Mayor, due to financial difficulty. Past Mayors shared experience of the true, personal, financial cost of carrying out the duties of Town Mayor and it was unanimously agreed that in the future, the Town Mayor's allowance should be increased. It was also agreed that consideration should be given to the Deputy Town Mayor being awarded an allowance increase, in some way, to carry out their civic role.

It was proposed by Cllr Christensen and Seconded by Cllr Willis, that the proposal to consider the scheme of councillors' allowances be deferred until after the elections in May 2020 which would give the next elected town council the chance to carefully consider the matter.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred until after the election in May 2020.

**10. OUTSIDE BODY REPORTS**

To receive verbal reports from members

**Aylesbury Town Twinning Association**

Nothing to report.

**Aylesbury Vale Multi-Cultural Centre**

Cllr Mrs Summers reported that she had attended a recent meeting and the centre were looking for new staff.

**Town Centre Partnership**

All updates/reports from the partnership are copied to all councillors by the Town Clerk. Nothing specific to highlight.

**Edith Eman Trust**

Cllr Mrs Puddefoot had attended a recent meeting and reminded everyone that the trust could be contacted to give assistance and their trust boundary lines had been extended to take in a wider community area.

**Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum (GALAF)**

No report

**William Harding Trust**

No report

**Arla Liaison Group**

No report

**11. CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES QUESTION TIME**

**Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr Lloyd**

Cllr Mrs Russel asked the committee to consider breaches of planning regulations that had been reported to her by residents. She was advised that AVDC Development Control needs to be contacted directly on any matters of planning breaches.

Cllr Christensen expressed his concern and disappointment at the developers who had decided to no longer provide the green wall of plants on one of the planning proposals. This was a deciding factor in the Town Council supporting this application and it was seen as a lack of Aylesbury Garden Town principles as well as indicative plans being changed once permission had been granted.

**Policy Committee - Cllr Lloyd**

No questions

**Direct Services Committee - Cllr Jarvis**

No questions

**Communities Committee - Cllr Dixon**

Cllr Willis asked for an update on the arrangements for Parklife 2020. Further closer working was taking place with Mix96 who will have more involvement in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage management and selecting acts for 2020. There will be an increased community area and the food stalls will be looked at closely this year to ensure that there are enough for the event.

There will also be a Litter Pick under the Spring Clean initiative in 2020 during the weekend leading up to the May election.

**Grants Committee - Cllr Puddefoot**

No questions

**Finance Committee - Cllr Smith**

No questions

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the next meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business of the Council, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

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