



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE GUILDHALL BEWDLEY

PRESENT

Councillor Mr J Beeson (Mayor)
Councillor Mrs L Candlin
Councillor Mr S Clee
Councillor Mrs A Coleman
Councillor Mr R Coleman
Councillor Mrs E Davies
Councillor Mrs C Edginton-White
Councillor Mr P Edmundson
Councillor Miss M Fishwick
Councillor Mr D Killingworth
Councillor Miss A Mace
Councillor Mr G Yarranton

In attendance: Mr Nick Farress – Town Clerk
Mrs Barbara Byng – Assistant Clerk
Mr David Moore – Treasurer
Mr Kyle Daisley – Community Engagement Officer

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Alton.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

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COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

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MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS & MONTHLY REPORT

The Mayor reported on a busy month with particular mention of the 50th Carnival, the Queen's 90th birthday event and the Battle of the Somme commemorations at Worcester Cathedral. The Mayor also welcomed Kyle Daisley to the team as the Community Engagement Officer, and congratulated Councillor Killingworth on his appointment as President of Bewdley Rotary. Thanks were extended to Councillors who had attended events on the Mayor's behalf.

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MINUTES AGREED

That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 6th June 2016 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Mayor.

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ACCOUNTS

The Council considered the revised schedule of accounts and payments for June 2016 drawn up by the Treasurer, together with the balances held at Unity Bank, Cambridge Building Society, Scottish Widows and HM

Revenue & Customs and the current budgetary position as to income and expenditure for the period 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016.

AGREED

(i) that the revised schedule of accounts be approved and signed by the Mayor with authority thereby given for the requisite cheques to be drawn;

(ii) that the cash balances be noted as follows:

- with Unity Bank current account of £59,695.33
- with Unity Bank deposit account of £10, 545.74
- with Scottish Widows deposit account of £30,011.53
- with Cambridge Building Society saver account of £30,101.00
- with HMRC (VAT) of £4,611.70

(iii) that the reconciliation statement be noted;

(iv) that the Council's income and expenditure for the current financial year from 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016 be noted.

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POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Councillor Clee presented the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 20th June 2016.

AGREED

That the Minutes be accepted and noted including the following items:

(i) That the 1% pay rise recommended by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services is applied to all Town Council employees;

(ii) Working Groups are established to consider the annual budget and Corporate Plan

(iii) That the Corporate Risk Assessment is accepted as drawn up by the Town Clerk.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Candlin presented the Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on the 16th May 2016.

AGREED

That the Minutes be accepted and noted including the schedule of working groups reporting to the Committee.

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TOGETHER ADVISORY GROUP

Councillor Mace presented the Minutes of the most recent meeting of the Group which were noted.

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COMMUNITY TRANSPORT WYRE FOREST

Councillor Mace presented a report following a meeting of the Trustees held on the 16th June 2016 which was noted.

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PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Councillor Mace presented a report following a meeting of the Group held on the 24th May 2016 which was noted.

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WYRE FOREST EMERGENCY SERVICES HUB

The Council received communication relating to proposed sites for the new Emergency Services Hub. Two consultation events are to be held, one on the 13th July and one on the 18th July 2016 at Wyre Forest House. The Town Clerk agreed to put a link to the online consultation information on the Town Council website.

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A letter received from Dr Matt Davis from Bewdley Medical Centre in response to a letter sent by this Council was noted.

8335 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The Town Clerk brought the following administrative matters to the attention of the Council:

- (i) 10th July, Vintage Antiques and Handmade Market, Severnside South
- (ii) 18th July, Community Development Committee, 6pm Guildhall
- (iii) 20th July, Police Liaison Group, 2pm Guildhall
- (iv) 2nd August, Together Advisory Group, 2pm Guildhall
- (v) 15th August, Policy and Resources Committee, 6.30pm Guildhall

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Signed.....
Mayor
1st August 2016

Town Council Meeting - Public Period

Doctor Matt Davies and Sarah-Jayne Dutton were in attendance to speak about the services available in the new Medical Centre and emphasised the work the Partners have been doing to retain services provided by other agencies such as the Health and Care Trust. The podiatry service is provided by the Trust but they have decided not to re-establish a clinic in the new Centre despite an offer of accommodation by the Partners.

Councillors thanked the Partners for their work on behalf of the community and were very impressed with the new facility following the recent preview evening. In fact, a number of very positive comments were made about the building and the services that will be provided.

Dr Davies and the Town Clerk had already been in contact in relation to setting up quarterly liaison meetings to allow for smooth and positive communication between agencies in the future.

The “Grand Opening” of the Centre would be on the 22nd September to which all Councillors would be invited.

Questions raised by members of the public

Mr Mark Fiefl of Welch Gate raised concerns over the collapsed footway in Welch Gate and asked when it is likely to be repaired. The Town Clerk agreed to follow this up with Councillor Campion.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

PCSO Stephenson presented the PACT report for June. Crime had risen expectedly due to the warmer weather, football and Carnival. Thanks were extended to the SNT and special constables who came to Bewdley on the Carnival weekend. PC Thomas is now trained on speed enforcement.

District and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Mrs Rebecca Vale reported that she is looking into parking problems on Gloucester Way and ideas for the regeneration of Wribbenhall. It was noted that any “regeneration” ideas should be in line with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

District Councillor Rod Wilson reported that he is working on vegetation issues and the resurfacing of the public right of way leading to Wyre Hill Play Area with Cllr Campion.

County Councillor Gordon Yarranton reported that the road markings had been repainted on Habberley Road and a new flood alleviation scheme was being established on Trimley Lane. He also reported that The Riverside Children’s Centre was being transferred to the Primary School and Sandbourne Drive was due to be surface dressed in the near future.