



# Battle Town Council



**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held on  
TUESDAY, 19 August 2014 in  
The Almonry, High Street, Battle, at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Boryer, R Bye, J Eldridge, Mrs G Favell, Mrs P Fisher, D Furness, Ms Gyngell, Mrs Howell, R Jessop, Mrs M Kiloh, A Ratcliffe and D Wilson.

## **Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present. District/County Cllr Mrs Field was present and District Cllr Ms Davies was present.

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The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the new Councillor T Hall.

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Palmer, Pry, Ratcliffe and Sydes.

## **2. Disclosure of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the Council Meeting** held on 15 July 2014. Cllr Boryer proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Jessop – agreed.

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings** – None.

## **5. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor**

Cllr Field advised that the planning application for Battle & Langton School will impact on Footpath 82. Also she advised that the Waste Plan for Brighton & the County is open for consultation.

## **6. To Receive a Report from the District Councillors**

Cllr Davis reminded us regarding the new Electoral Registration Scheme and pointed out that every individual must register themselves. She touched on the ongoing problems with the waste contract and that Kier and RDC are holding daily meetings in an effort to alleviate the problems. Additionally we were reminded that the brown bins contractual period has been altered.

**7. Police Matters** – no officers were present.

## **8. Correspondence and Communications**

- a) Requests by Battle Arts Festival (24-26 October) and 1066 Marketing Group (4 October) were approved.
- b) The thank you note from Kent Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance was noted.
- c) Copies of sponsorship forms for the A C Towner staff charity walk will be provided to all Councillors. **Action Clerk**
- d) The invitation to ESALC AGM was noted as was the invitation for Councillors to attend the Community BBQ at the Youth Club on 28 August at 6pm

**9. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 15 & 30 July and 13 August** were noted and Cllr Jessop advised that the application for a play area in the Till's Yard car park has been refused.

**10. Minutes of the Estates Committee meeting held on 29 July** were noted.

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**11. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting** held on 5 August were noted and it was **unanimously resolved** that the proposal to take **£3650** from reserves towards the cost of pre-planning and design phase of the proposed cemetery extension having been proposed by Cllr Jessop and seconded by Cllr Boryer.

**12. A report on the Council Away-day that was held on 18 August:**

- a) It was noted that Cllr Bye had been omitted from the list of those that had given apologies and that Cllr Hall had been referred to as Cllr Hill.
- b) Cllr Kiloh pointed out that this report was notes, rather than Minutes.
- c) **Cllr Kiloh proposed there be a Working Group set up to put forward proposals for Future structure of Committees and Councillor's Parish Allowance. The Group should report to the September meeting of Council so as to allow its recommendations to be taken into account when writing the Job Description for the new Town Clerk; this was seconded by Cllr Favell and the vote was unanimous except for the abstention of Cllr Fisher.**
- d) It was agreed the Group should consist of not less than six, or more than eight members and should include current Committee Chairs. The Group would meet on 21 August at The Almonry.

**13. Battle Local Action Plan (BLAP)**

Cllr Boryer advised there was a report, concerning cycle and footpaths including disabled access, plus "A" boards; but it had not been forwarded to the Clerk, this would now be remedied and circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Jessop advised that ESCC Highways Steward will only approach owners of "A" boards if they cause too much obstruction.

**14. To appoint a temporary representative for Battle Marketing Group:**

It was reported that Cllr Ratcliffe had volunteered to join the group and it was agreed that he should be appointed.

**15. List of Payments & Receipts**

Were noted.

**16. Reports from Representatives of the Council & other reports:**

- Cllr Favell submitted a report on the **AiRS conference**, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.
- Cllr Gyngell reported on the progress of the **Battle Festival**, all information can be obtained at [www.battlefestival.co.uk](http://www.battlefestival.co.uk).

**17. Staff Matters:**

The Clerk retired, confidential notes were to be provided by Cllr Kiloh.

**18. Matters for information/ items for future Agenda:** As in 17 above

**17. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 19 August 2014**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

**M KILOH**  
**Chairman**