

Minutes

Full Council

Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.00pm

Membership: Councillors Macfarlane (Mayor) (West), Ridout (Deputy Mayor) (West), Batchelor (Broadway), Cullen (Broadway), Dancey (East), Davis (East), Dombkowski (East), Fraser (West), Fryer (West), Humphries (Broadway), Jeffries (Copheap), Jolley (Broadway) and Macdonald (East)

Present:

Councillors: P Ridout, P Batchelor, J Cullen, S Dancey, A Davis, N Dombkowski, S Fraser, R Fryer, K Humphries, S Jeffries and P Macdonald.

Officers: H Abernethie and J Halls

Public and press: 4 members of the public and 0 members of the press.

222/16 Apologies

- a) Councillor Macfarlane, work and Councillor Jolley, holiday.
- b) Apologies accepted for those with reasons given

223/16 Minutes

- a) The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman
- b) None

224/16 Declarations of Interest

None

225/16 Mayor's Announcements

- a) Councillor Ridout, Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillor Jeffries to his first council meeting.
- b) Noted

226/16 Questions

None

227/16 To Authorise the Sealing of Documents

Councillor Davis proposed approval of the signing of the Engrossment of the Transfer TR5 form which Councillors Sue Fraser and Pip Ridout have executed which is the final stage of the Community Asset transfer of the Town Park. Seconded Councillor Humphries, voting unanimous in favor.

228/16 Public Participation

- a) None
- b) None

229/16 Correspondence

Noted

230/16 Reports from Unitary Authority Members

Councillor Davis reminded the Members about the Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment event which is taking place at the Civic Centre tomorrow evening, 22nd November 2016.

231/16 Minutes of Committees:

The minutes of the following meetings were adopted:

- a) **Finance and Assets Committee** meeting held on 5th September 2016
- b) **Planning Advisory Committee** meetings held on 22nd August, 19th September and 17th October 2016
- c) **Town Development Committee** meetings held on 18th April and 4th July 2016
- d) **HR** meetings held on 4th April and 11th July 2016

232/16 Police Report

PC Charly Chilton passed on apologies from Inspector James Brain. She advised Members that as they had already seen the November report she would not go through it verbatim. She thanked the Members for taking part in the pilot of the Community Policing Team (CPT) and this is now being rolled out across Wiltshire. A variety of questions were asked by the Members and a discussion took place.

233/16 Membership of the Planning Committee

Councillor Fryer proposed to accept the appointment of Councillor Steve Jeffries to the Planning Advisory Committee to replace Councillor Paul Macfarlane who will step down. Seconded Councillor Dombkowski, voting unanimous in favour.

234/16 Draft Budget 2017/2018

Councillor Batchelor proposed that the first draft of the budget, with the precept set at £542,612 an increase of 3.94%. Band D 92.11 be referred back to the Finance and Assets committee as it stands. Seconded Councillor Humphries, voting unanimous in Favour. The Members passed on their thanks to the Town Clerk for her hard work in preparing the first draft.

235/16 Conclusion of the Annual Report

Councillor Davis proposed acceptance of the conclusion of the annual return for the year ended 31st March 2015. Seconded Councillor Fraser, voting unanimous in favour.

236/16 2017/2018 Local Government Finance Settlement, Technical Consultation Paper

The Town Clerk advised Members that she had recently received a response from Dr Murrison and she would circulate the letter. It was resolved to approve the correspondence with Dr Andrew Murrison MP as outlined in a memo to all members issued on 6th October and a letter dated 10th October 2016. Members asked for a meeting to be arranged Dr Murrison

237/16 Code of Conduct Complaint Decision

Noted

238/16 BT Payphone Consultation

The Members felt that there was more information required before a decision could be made. There was a question about whether the boxes with low or no usage were actually working. Councillor Macdonald proposed that the consultation for the future of the payphones be referred back to the Town Development committee for discussion and for the Town Clerk to ask BT for an engineer's report for the boxes in question and for the findings returned to Full Council for the final decision. Seconded Councillor Humphries, voting unanimous in favour.

239/16 Neighbourhood Plan

Noted

240/16 Communications

- a) The Members wished for a press releases to be issued regarding the phone box consultation from BT and the Town Park
- b) Councillor Macdonald volunteered to be the spokesperson for BT Payphone consultation and Councillor Batchelor will be the spokesperson for the Town Park if required.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm