

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor B. Castle Councillor N. Fogg Councillor A. Ross Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor N. Barrett-Morton Councillor Ms. L. Farrell Councillor R. Allen Councillor J. Cook Councillor B. Lam Councillor M. Hall Councillor A. Light	Town Mayor
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mrs. S. Parker Mrs S. Fry Mr. G. Isaaman Mrs S. Pryor Inspector M. Thompson PC S. Boardman The Revd. Cannon Studdert-Kennedy Plus 7 members of the public	Town Clerk Office Manager Marlborough News Online The Adviser Wiltshire Constabulary Wiltshire Constabulary

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The Mayor introduced Mrs Hilda Moore from Marlborough Tennis Club who gave a short presentation on plans for new tennis courts.

#### **PRAYERS**

The Revd. Cannon Studdert-Kennedy opened the meeting with Prayers.

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mrs Baker** – How is the Town Council proposing to respond to the Pre-Application Statement for the building of 50 houses at the Rabley Wood View site in light of residents concerns such as:

- Disturbance of existing contaminated waste which is buried on this land
- Inadequate road access for emergency services and residents
- The detrimental impact on the current sewerage system
- Loss of a valued recreational and amenity area
- Overloading of the existing support services in the town such as school places and GP's

And, what reassurance can the Council provide that the concerns of local residents will be listened to and taken into consideration if this planning application is to go ahead?

**The Mayor** – replied that the public consultation was the first stage of the development process and the Council was awaiting detailed plans. Clarification would be sought and all points considered. Mrs Baker would receive a written response to the points raised.

**Cllr. R. Allen** – requested that the Unitary Councillors monitor the planning process for this development at Wiltshire Council.

**Cllr. S. Dobson** – pointed out that we would be consulted on the outline plans for this development before the detailed plans are received.

### **CRIME AND DISORDER**

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Thompson and PC Boardman.

**Insp Thompson** – reported that Operation Banning was ongoing, producing positive results. On the whole crime rates were down on the previous year. Inspector Thompson also gave an update on recent incidents in the town:

- Following the theft at the jewellers, four people had been arrested and were being held on remand
- To date there were no leads on the burglary of the Mayoral Chain
- The first Mop Fair weekend had passed without incident. At the second, there were skirmishes between youths from Swindon and Marlborough

Inspector Thompson apologised for not being able to attend the Marlborough Remembrance Day Parade. He would be laying the wreath for Wiltshire Constabulary at Royal Wootton Bassett.

### **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS TO AND FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

**Cllr. N. Fogg** – informed Members that he would be raising at Wiltshire Council the use of toxic weed killers around play areas.

Councillor Fogg also passed on Edwina's thanks for all the good wishes and support she had received whilst undergoing her treatment. This had now finished and all signs were positive.

**Cllr. S. Dobson** – in reply to a question that was raised at the last meeting regarding the former *Asia Grill* he had made enquiries at Wiltshire Council and it had been confirmed that the building was not listed and did not pose a threat to pedestrian safety. However, a letter would be written to the owners requesting an update on the works being carried out.

With the success of the High Street Re-surfacing project, the Town Council should consider passing its thanks on to the contractors.

**Cllr. Fogg** – suggested that a letter should also be sent to Wiltshire Council Officer, Jim Bailey to thank him for his work towards bring the project together.

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P. Dow and Mrs M. Rose.

**301/13      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

**302/13      MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor stated that the Council continued to work with the police regarding the burglary of the Mayoral Chain. He read out an extract from the Marlborough Times dated 10<sup>th</sup> November 1911 which gave an account of the inauguration of the Mayoral Chain.

The Remembrance Day Parade would take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November and soldiers from the 4MI Battalion together with local clubs and organisations would join the parade. The 4MI Battalion would also be present for Armistice Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Both were important events and the Town Council was working with the Royal British Legion towards making these successful.

The 4MI Military Parade would take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, followed by the Christmas Lights Switch-on and include the Community Market, a craft fair and Santa's Grotto.

Nominations were welcomed for Marlborough's Citizen of the Year, 2013. Forms should be returned to the Town Council offices by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

The Mayor had asked local primary school children to design a Christmas card and was looking forward to seeing lots of entries.

Tickets were still available for the Civic Dinner on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. More information was available from the Civic Secretary.

**303/13      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**304/13      TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the contents of the Town Clerk's report be noted.

**305/13      MARLBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB**

The Town Clerk's report was noted. Following discussion it was –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Town Council supports the building of new tennis courts on land at The Common. Also, that the proposal is put forward to the Common Users Group to note at its next meeting and that the Town Clerk makes contact with the Planning Inspectorate for the relevant permissions associated with building on common land and works with the Tennis Club towards submission of a full planning application.

**306/13      CCTV**

The Town Clerk's report was noted. A recorded vote was requested.

The following resolutions were made:

- i) **RESOLVED:** that following on from a resolution made on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to earmark £20,000 towards the CCTV project, Members agree that an effective, legally compliant and value for money CCTV system is needed and installed in Marlborough as part of an overall package to help tackle crime and anti-social behavior in the town and to improve community safety.

*For - Cllrs. Loosmore, Dobson, Hannaford-Dobson, , Castle, Fogg, Ross, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Cook, Allen, Lam, Hall and Light.*  
*Against – Cllr. Kirk Wilson.*

- ii) **RESOLVED:** that a small number of static cameras are installed in Marlborough with a system that can allow for further cameras to be added if needed whilst looking at the possibility of one redeployable camera.

*For - Cllrs. Loosmore, Dobson, Hannaford-Dobson, Castle, Fogg, Ross, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Cook, Allen, Lam, Hall and Light.*  
*Against – Cllr. Kirk Wilson.*

- iii) **RESOLVED:** that, if possible, a preferred supplier be identified from proposals already submitted and work started with that company subject to satisfactory references from other customers.

*For - Cllrs. Loosmore, Dobson, Hannaford-Dobson, Castle, Fogg, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Cook, Allen, Lam, Hall and Light.*  
*Against – Cllrs. Kirk Wilson and Ross*

- iv) **RESOLVED:** that prior to signing any contract, a consultation is started as soon as possible to be clear about local people's support.

*For - Cllrs. Loosmore, Dobson, Hannaford-Dobson, Kirk-Wilson, Ross, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Cook, Allen, Lam, Hall and Light.*  
*Abstention – Cllrs. Fogg and Castle.*

- v) **RESOLVED:** that a formal partnership group is established of appropriate stakeholders who can begin work on a Code of Practice in line with guidelines set out in the Surveillance Camera and Information Commissioners Codes and look at other avenues of funding.

*For - Cllrs. Loosmore, Dobson, Hannaford-Dobson, Castle, Fogg, Ross, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Cook, Allen, Lam, Hall and Light.*  
*Against – Cllr. Kirk Wilson.*

- vi) **RESOLVED:** that the Town Council pays an annual fee of £275 to become a corporate member of the CCTV Users Group.

*For - Cllrs. Loosmore, Dobson, Hannaford-Dobson, Kirk Wilson, Castle, Fogg, Ross, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Cook, Allen, Lam, Hall and Light.*

**307/13**

**LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT**

Councillor A. Ross (Chair, Finance & Policy Committee) gave a brief explanation about the Wiltshire Council consultation currently underway with towns and parish councils about the Local Council Tax Support Grant. Main points of discussion included that:

- The Town Clerk and some Councillors had attended recent workshops about this issue
- The inevitable and continued reduction of public sector funding and its effect on the Council Tax Base for town and parish councils
- The possible introduction of ‘capping’ of precepts for town and parish councils
- While the Town Council scrutinises its budget carefully each year with the aim of offering best value, it also looked at forward planning over the next 2-3 years
- The Town Council’s responsibilities were expanding – taking over public toilet provision, installing CCTV, land transfers from Wiltshire Council, modest housing growth, etc.
- That a rise in the precept for 2014/15 was likely in view of WC reducing or withdrawing its Local Council Tax Support Grant.

**RESOLVED:** That the response to the consultation as drafted by the Town Clerk and subsequently amended be submitted to Wiltshire Council .

**308/13**

**MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CAMPUS**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor R. Allen be appointed as the Town Council’s representative to the Shadow Community Operations Board.

**309/13**

**FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATIONS**

The report by the Town Clerk was noted.

**RESOLVED:** that the cost of the cleaning and refurbishment of the War Memorial at New Road and the 7<sup>th</sup> Wilts Memorial is met from the F & P Contingency Budget and that the Town Clerk also investigates the refurbishment of the plinth at the former. Also that the chains at the War Memorial be refurbished and retained.

**310/13**

**RETAILERS FORUM HOSTED BY CLAIRE PERRY MP**

The Town Clerk’s report was noted.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Council supports the rejuvenation of the Town Team and that a meeting be arranged soon to include those attendees at Clair Perry’s meeting and that the proposed benchmarking exercise forms part of the first agenda.

**311/13**

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Town Clerk’s report was noted.

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that thanks should be passed on to Nigel Kerton, The Forestry Commission, T H White and Marlborough Building Supplies for their help in supplying and erecting the tree on The Green.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Council enters into a sponsorship agreement for the Town Hall Trees.

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that Waitrose be thanked for supporting a Memory Tree at the Town Hall through the Community Matters Scheme.

**312/13 LIAISON WITH OUTSIDE BODIES**

The following updates were given-

**Marlborough Youth Council/YAG** – Councillor Cook reported that he has attended two meetings of YAG which had both been positive and also confirmed that the Mayor would be attending the meeting to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, where he would present the outline proposals for a Marlborough Town Council Youth Council.

**Sports Forum** – Councillor Ross reported that the Sports Forum would be holding its Annual Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.

**313/13 MEMBER'S QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**314/13 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Common Seal of Marlborough Town Council be affixed to all documents necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council.

**315/13 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

**RESOLVED:** that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960.

**316/13 CCTV Proposals**

Members considered written proposals from companies providing CCTV systems.

**RESOLVED:** that 2 of the providers offering the same technological solutions now be approached with a detailed specification for Marlborough to be met within budget whilst mindful of the outcome of consultation.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....