

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 23rd February,, 2009** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT Councillor Mrs P. Dow
Councillor S.R. Dobson
Councillor G. Francis
Councillor B. Castle
Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson
Councillor N. Fogg
Councillor A. Ross
Councillor A. Kirk Wilson
Councillor Mrs E. Fogg
Councillor R. Notton
Councillor Mrs M. Rose
Councillor T. Spranger
Councillor G. Loosmore
Councillor S. Radnedge
Councillor R. Pitts
Councillor A. Sycamore

Mayor

ALSO PRESENT Mrs Sue Fry
Mrs Linda Chapman
4 Members of the Public

Office Manager
Civic Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

PRAYERS

Rev. Ian Cooper opened the meeting with prayers.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Louisa Davidson – gave a brief report on the activities and future aims of ‘We Love Marlborough’ (copy attached)

Val Compton – the PCT have applied to strike out and have summary judgement on both cases. This would mean there would be no judicial review. The PCT claim that the services are working well and rated highly and furthermore patient surveys show a high level of satisfaction. I will endeavour to keep the Council informed but wish to know if a still have this Council’s support?

It was agreed by all present the Council would continue to support.

Revd. Ian Cooper – why had the one way sign been removed from the entrance to the part of the High Street that runs behind St. Peter’s Church.

Councillor G. Francis – stated that he thought that this was only a temporary sign put in place whilst works were being carried out.

Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson – said that she would look into this matter.

CRIME AND DISORDER

There was no member of the Wiltshire Constabulary available to answer questions but that any questions raised would be e-mailed to Inspector Noble for a reply.

The Mayor – stated that she has received a complaint from Mr. E. Gilbert of 2 Poulton Crescent regarding parking on double yellow lines between Tin Pit and Poulton Crescent , it blocks the view into and out of Poulton Crescent this is happening 2 or 3 times a week. He has rung the 0845 number but after 5 minutes when he had received no response he put the telephone down, if its not a police matter then who should he contact?

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Councillor R Pitts asked Councillor Mrs Hannaford-Dobson if she had made any progress on the questions he asked at the last Full Town Council Meeting.

Question 1.(a) Wiltshire County Council, (WCC), ratified the Primary Healthcare Trust, (PCT), decision to close the Minor Injuries Unit at Savernake Hospital. What I would like to understand is how this was brought to the attention of County Councillors.

Question 1. (b) Also is there any documentation that showed the lobbying of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to try and retain the MIU at Savernake.

Question 2. (a) Can the County Cllr please report to the Marlborough Town Council how the WCC or Unitary council Executive will calculate 2009/10 round of council tax. I have heard that the highest District tax across the County will be applied plus a 3.5% to 5% increase. Could the Cllr please confirm if this in fact the current thinking.

Question 2 (b) Would the Cllr. please explain efforts she is making to get the WCC/Unitary to set a Zero percent increase in the bulk of the Council Tax and follow the Marlborough Town Council lead setting a ZERO percent precept.

Question 3. Could the loop road from the A4 to Manton High Street to Clatford back to the A4 be included in the gritting Programme? In the current cold conditions there were three minor accidents and Preshute Primary School service bus the St Johns School bus struggled in the conditions.

Question 4. Is there any update on the Children at Play warning signs for Jubilee field play

area in Manton?

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Councillor Mrs Hannaford-Dobson – replied that she did have the answers to these questions (copy attached).

The Mayor – stated that she had been approached by a member of the public who had suggested that when M & S close the loading bay area in front of the store could be turned in to additional parking spaces.

Councillor Dobson - stated that we are looking to encourage new businesses into the town and therefore this loading bay area should not be lost.

Councillor Notton stated that due to the harsh winter a lot of pot holes have developed in the roads and needed speedy repairs.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford-Dobson said that the Parish Stewards had been taken off of their normal duties to carry out the repairs to the roads.

465/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

466/08 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

467/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have received a very kind offer from Mr. D. Sherratt to purchase two aluminium cases for the Maces which will make the transporting of them much safer and convenient. The only charge to the Council will be either the cost of a member of staffing collecting these items in a Town Council vehicle or a charge for postage.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Sherratt for his very generous offer which the Council would be pleased to accept.

Thank the Chamber of Commerce for their hard work on Valentines Day promoting commerce in the town.

468/08 MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor S. Radnedge, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RESOLVED: by 13 votes for with 3 abstentions to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council held on the 12th January, 2009

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TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE METINGS AND TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THOSE MINUTES NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.

a) Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor A. Ross and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the I.T. Sub Committee which was held on the 28th January, 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

b) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor A Kirk Wilson and –

RESOLVED: by 6 votes for with 1 against that the Minutes of Finance and Policy Committee which was held on the 9th February, 2009 be received and signed as true record.

c) Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

RESOLVED: by 13 votes for with 1 against and 1 abstention that the Minutes of the Planning Committee which was held on the 9th February, 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

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TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN WHERE NECESSARY.

a) Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the Staffing Committee which was held on the 26th January, 2009 be Received and Adopted.

b) Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the I.T. Sub Committee which was held on the 28th January, 2009 be Received and Adopted.

c) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson and –

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for with 1 against and 3 abstentions that the Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee which was held on the 9th February, 2009 be Received and Adopted.

The following observations were made –

Min. No. 452/08 Councillor S.R. Dobson stated that although by law the requirement is that Agendas must be circulated 3 clear days prior to a meeting, both County and District Councils circulate their papers for a meeting 5 clear working days prior to a meeting. The press only receive their Agendas prior to a meeting could the council review this situation so that they receive all their papers at the same time as councillors.

It was agreed that these items be put on the next Agenda of the Finance and Policy Committee for discussion.

Min No. 457/08 Councillor N. Fogg stated that the correct terminology for this item should be Civic Insignia not Civic Regalia.

This observation was noted.

471/08 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Boundary Committee – final recommendations for electoral arrangements for Wiltshire. (copy e-mail previously circulated)

The Council noted this for information.

472/08 TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL 2009/2010

One nomination has previously been received in writing.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor A. Spranger and –

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for with 4 abstentions that Councillor N. Fogg be elected to the post of Town Mayor 2009/2010.

Councillor N. Fogg thanked Councillors for electing him as the 806th Mayor of Marlborough and invited all present to join him for a drink at his house immediately following the Planning Meeting.

473/08 CHANGES TO PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Council discussed reducing the size of the Planning Committee to possibly 6 to 8 members and rescheduling its meetings, possibly to follow rather than precede other meetings.

After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor N. Fogg and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that this item should be taken back to the next meeting of the Finance and Policy committee and that a review of all committee set-ups

should be carried out as we are nearing the end of this council year.

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474/08 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

a) Town Hall Project – report from Councillor R. Pitts

Councillor R. Pitts reported that a Planning Application has been submitted for the works at the Town Hall and that copies of the drawings are available in the office for councillors to look at. The funding of £50,000 from Kennet District Council no longer has to be match funded so once the plans have been passed then we can go ahead and obtain quotes for the work. If anyone has any questions they wish to ask regarding this project they can contact Councillor Pitts, who will be happy to answer them.

Councillor Pitts informed members that he, Councillor Francis and Andrew Bumphrey had met with Mrs Clauson from the Marlborough Players who had informed them that they had funding to improve the lighting and sound system on the stage in the Assembly Room. It was agreed that Mrs Clauson would send in a formal proposal for these improvements.

b) Marlborough Golf Club – report from Councillor R. Pitts.

Negotiations have now moved into phase 2. The Lawn Tennis Club have presented proposals to the Tennis Club which are now being drawn up as detailed plans. Two brief meeting have been held with the Golf Club. It appears that the safety bund will be very substantial which will involve major traffic movement this will need to be carefully monitored.

475/08 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

a) December, 2008.

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson and –

RESOLVED: by 11 votes for with 5 abstentions that the Schedule of Accounts for December, 2008 in the sum of £30,273.46 be received and signed by the Chairman.

b) January, 2009.

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor A. Sycamore and –

RESOLVED: by 11 votes for with 5 abstentions that the Schedule of Accounts for January, 2009 in the sum of £37,295.14 be received and signed by the Chairman.

476/08 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor A. Sycamore and –

RESOLVED: that the Town Council balances as at the 31st January, 2009 be received.

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477/08 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

- a) WALC Newsletter – February, 2009. – Nominations are being sought from any Councillor who may wish for their name to put in the hat for selection to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace on the 21st July. Those wishing to be nominated should inform the office who will send it through to WALC.
- b) Marlborough Christmas Lights Association Minutes of meeting held on 15th January, 2009.
- c) Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group Minutes of meeting held 22nd January, 2009.
- d) Marlborough Area Pilot Area Board Minutes of meeting held 27th January, 2009.
- e) Report on Wiltshire Tree Warden Event – Lackham College 31st January, 2009
- f) Marlborough Chamber of Commerce Minutes of meeting held 12th February, 2009.

PART 2

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the public and press be asked to leave the meeting due to the fact that matters of a legal and confidential nature were to be discussed.

Mrs Sue Fry and Mrs Linda Chapman left the room at 8.05 pm

478/08 REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN OF STAFFING

The Council received a report from the Chairman of Staffing, Councillor G. Francis.

Mrs Sue Fry and Mrs Linda Chapman returned to the meeting at 8.10 pm

Restrictions of Part 2 were then lifted by the Mayor.

479/08 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

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

480/08 MEMBER'S QUESTION TIME – provided questions have been submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

There were no Member's Questions.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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