

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Tuesday 1st September, 2009** in the **Court Room, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

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| PRESENT | Councillor N. Fogg Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor G. Francis Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor A. Ross Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor Mrs E. Fogg Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor S. Radnedge Councillor R. Pitts Councillor Mrs C. Jackson | Mayor |
| ALSO PRESENT | Mrs Sue Fry Mr. N. Kerton Mr. G. Adams PCSO Mark Braithwaite Plus 7 Members of the Public | Office Manager Wiltshire Gazette and Herald Advisor Wiltshire Constabulary |

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.

The Council received a presentation from Mr. Julian Haines a representative of Wiltshire Council and Mr. Keith Vaughan a representative from Mouchel on the proposed re-construction works for the Pewsey Road Bridge.

Following this presentation Councillors and members of the public were invited to ask questions.

PRAYERS

The Mayor opened the meeting with prayers.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Val Compton – informed members that the Area Board and the PCT were holding a meeting on the 23rd September in the Town Hall, she urged Councillors to attend and ask questions.

Mrs A. George – in 2006 the Town Council stated that if enough response was received from the residents of Marlborough regarding a parking scheme then the Town Council would take up this issue. Marlborough is in need of a Residents Parking Scheme not only for those who live in the town but also for those who travel to Marlborough for work. How many people would the Council expect to sign up for this scheme before they would be prepared to take it forward?

The Mayor – the Mayor replied that one person was sufficient to engage the interest of the Town Council. This issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Area Board on the 5th October. A meeting between the Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce and other interest groups should be arranged to try and take this forward. Councillor A. Ross agreed that this item can be placed on the next agenda of the Finance and Policy Committee.

Mr. N. Kerton – is it possible to give an update on the current grievance hearing.

The Mayor – replied that this item is on the agenda to be discussed in Part 2 later in the meeting.

CRIME AND DISORDER

PCSO Mark Braithwaite – reported that over the past few weeks 10, Section 59 warnings have been issued to the riders of mini motorbikes if they now commit a further offence their vehicles will be confiscated.

At present there are groups of pick pockets operating in the area and also credit card cloning has been reported, these crimes are being carried out by gangs from the London area. At no time should you ever give out your details to anyone over the telephone.

The Pub Watch scheme will hopefully be re-instated within the next few months, when this is up and running anyone who is guilty of anti-social behaviour will then receive a blanket ban from those public houses who are part of the Pub Watch scheme.

There have been problems with anti-social behaviour in Coopers Meadow, this area is policed as often as man power will allow. In the near future 2 new Special Constables will be joining the Marlborough team which will hopefully allow for more regular checks to be carried out in problem areas.

Councillor Mrs P. Dow – ask that her thanks be passed on for the help that she received last week

Mrs Val Compton – could the non emergency telephone number for contacting the police be published in the Greyhound.

Councillor Mrs E. Fogg – now that the cows are back in Coopers Meadow do the police see any problems arising from this.

PCSO Mark Braithwaite – replied that they did not foresee any problems.

The Mayor – thanked Mark for his very detailed and well presented report.

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

Councillor G. Loosmore – some of the signs that have been erected in the High Street by Wiltshire Council are placed in dangerous positions, Marlborough Town Council should be made aware when these works are to be carried out.

The Mayor - suggested that this should be brought up at the next Area Board meeting.

215/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Spranger, Mrs M. Rose and R. Notton.

216/09 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

Councillor S. Radnedge ask that it be noted that he was this Council's representative for the Brandt Group – Agenda Item 8. The Mayor replied that since he represented Marlborough Council on that body, this did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

217/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Mrs Caroline Jackson's return as a member of the Council.

The Mayor informed members that the 4 Military Intelligence Battalion would be doing there 25 mile endurance march around Marlborough tomorrow. Any Councillor wanting to join in would be most welcome.

The Mayor announced that an anonymous donor has generously offered to provide a new gown for the Deputy Mayor. We are very grateful indeed for this gesture.

The Mayor has been invited to join a live link organised by the Chamber of Commerce with their colleagues in Marlborough, New Zealand on 16th September.

The Mayor's Literary Lecture on the 18th September will be in essence the launch of Professor John Carey's biography of Marlborough's most famous son, William Golding. Tickets are £5 from the White Horse Book Shop. The money can be offset against the purchase of the book.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the 'Blues for Savernake' event which is intended to raise funds for the judicial review costs.

The Mayor announced that he would be participating in a televised public policy forum in Ontario on September 25th. Part of his introductory biography would be that he is Mayor of Marlborough.

The Mayor informed members that Michael Ancram MP will be retiring from Parliament at the next General Election and asked Councillor to consider ways in which his services to the local community might be recognised.

218/09 MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor S Radnedge, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for with 1 abstention (Cllr. Mrs Jackson was not a member at the time) to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council held on the 27th July, 2009.

219/09 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.

a) Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge and -

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for with 1 abstention that the Minutes of the Planning Committee which was held on the 10th August, 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

b) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of Finance and Policy Committee which was held on the 10th August, 2009 be received and signed as true record.

c) Proposed by Councillor G. Loosmore , seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the Property Committee held on the 24th August, 2009 be received and signed as a true record subject to the following amendment –

Part 2 – Page 1138 should read – seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge

d) Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. Fogg and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the Staffing Committee which was held on the 24th August, 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

220/09 TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING AND MAKE RESOLUTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN WHERE NECESSARY.

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

RESOLVED: by 11 votes for with 2 abstentions that the Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee which was held on the 29th June, 2009 be Received and Adopted.

b) Proposed by Councillor G. Loosmore, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge and –

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for with 1 abstention that the Minutes of the Property Committee which was held on the 24th August, 2009, be Received and Adopted.

It was agreed that we should seek clarification as to this Clubs' constitution and that before anything further is done local residents should be consulted.

c) Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. Fogg and –

Min No. 213/09 refers

Prior to these Minutes being Received and Adopted Councillor S. Dobson said that Standing Orders stated that the whole of the Staffing Committee should sit on the interview panel and that each candidate is required to give a presentation to Full Council.

Proposed by Councillor G. Loosmore, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson and –

RESOLVED: by 4 votes for with 9 against that each candidate should give a presentation to Full Council.

Those voting for – Councillors S.Dobson, G. Loosmore, Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson and B. Castle.

This Resolution was lost.

RESOLVED: by 11 votes for with 1 against and 1 abstention that the Minutes of the Staffing Committee which was held on the 24th August, 2009 be Received and Adopted subject to the following amendment –

Min No. 213/09 The six applicants will be interviewed by two panels of the Staffing Committee.

Panel 1 – 3 Councillors plus the independent consultant.

Panel 2 – 4 Councillors.

Each panel will interview each applicant for approximately 30 minutes.

221/09 CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS

The Council discussed a proposal that all Part 2 paperwork should be circulated on the evening and then collected at the close of the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that all Part 2 paperwork should be circulated on the evening of the meeting and collected at the close of business.

222/09 DONATION – MARLBOROUGH BRANDT GROUP

The Council considered a request from Marlborough Brandt Group for a donation towards travel expenses for a proposed forthcoming visit.

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RESOLVED: by 11 votes for with 1 against and 1 abstention that this Council give a donation of £600 towards travel expenses to the Brandt Group and that this sum of money be taken from the F & P Reserves.

223/09 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

a) July, 2009.

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge and –

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for with 1 abstention that the Schedule of Accounts for July, 2009 in the sum of £37,295.79 be received and signed by the Chairman.

224/09 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson and –

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

225/09 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

- a) Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership – Minutes 21st April, 2009.
- b) Marlborough Area Board – Minutes 13th July, 2009.
- c) Marlborough and District Link Scheme – Minutes 27th July, 2009.

It was agreed that all the above items be noted.

PART 2 – AGENDA ITEMS 12 AND 13 ONLY

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge 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.

226/09 PRELIMINARY GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE MEETING

The Council received a report from the Staffing Committee. After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that this report now be communicated to the former Town Clerk and her representative (copy of report held in office)

227/09 LEGAL ADVICE

The Council received a report from the Mayor regarding the responsibility for the liability to Withy King for legal advice given to the Staffing Committee.

After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge and –

RESOLVED: by 7 votes for with 2 against and 4 abstentions that the report from the Mayor be accepted.(copy of report held in office)

PART 2 RESTRICTIONS WERE LIFTED FROM THE MEETING FOLLOWING THESE TWOAGENDA ITEMS.

228/09 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Proposed by Councillor S. 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.

229/09 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm