

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the **Full Town Council**, which was held on **Monday 14th February 2005** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor G. Francis	Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps	Mayor-Elect
Councillor S. R. Dobson	
Councillor M. P. Cooper	
Councillor W. B. Cavill	
Councillor B. Castle	
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford	
Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow	
Councillor N. J. Fogg	
Councillor M. Gray	
Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson	
Councillor M. C. Curtis	
Councillor R. J. Allen	
Councillor P. B. Cossey	
Councillor A. R. Ross	
Mr Derek Smithers	
Mr Malcolm Ward	
Mr Nigel Kerton	Wilts Gazette & Herald
Miss A. Outrim	The Adviser
Jonathan Mansfield	Civic Secretary

PRAYERS:

The Mayor opened the meeting with prayers.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(a) Mr Peter Rapson

The Mayor attended the funeral of Mr Peter Rapson, who was the Town Council's Chartered Surveyor. The Mayor has asked Sue Fry to send a donation to the Ataxia Foundation which was the suggested charity for donations by Mr Rapson's family.

(b) Deputy Mayor Nominations

The Mayor said that following the closing date for nominations, the office has received two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

(c) KVAT Presentation

The Mayor, referring to Standing Order 116, said that following advice from Kennet District Council, the presentation from Kennet Valley Arts Trust could not go ahead.

486/04 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. L. Parker and Mrs Sue Fry.

487/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

488/04 MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting, which was held on Monday 31st January 2005 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

Councillor S. R. Dobson, referring to item (d) page 2, stated that Councillors should be aware that Thring Townsend are still listed as Marlborough Town Council's Solicitors despite advice to the contrary.

489/04 HMS Marlborough:

The Mayor reminded Councillors that HMS Marlborough was due to be decommissioned when it returned from service in the Gulf. On 13th December 2004 the Mayor asked the Deputy Mayor to set up a small working party to discuss possible arrangements for a celebration on the crew's return. The Mayor stated that this group has now met and asked the Deputy Mayor to speak.

Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps stated that time was of the essence and that arrangements had to be made quickly. Councillor Mrs Cripps has met with Commodore Miller and he has stated that no special security measures will be required and that there will be a crew of 50-60 personnel present. Councillor Mrs Cripps is hoping to arrange a parade on Sunday 3rd July 2005, mid-morning, followed by a church service and a reception at the Town Hall. Councillor Mrs Cripps asked for a budget of £5,500.00.

Debate followed on what Committee the HMS Marlborough working group should report to and the terms of reference for the group.

Proposed by Councillor S. R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford and –

RESOLVED: By 9 votes to 2 votes with 3 abstentions that the HMS Marlborough working group reports to the Finance and General Purposes Committee; that a cost centre, finances and terms of reference are discussed as a separate agenda item at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Monday 28th February 2005.

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

RESOLVED: By 11 votes to 0 votes with 3 abstentions that the HMS Marlborough decommissioning parade goes ahead subject the working group's deliberations.

Councillor S. R. Dobson stated that as the working group had co-opted non-council members, it should be referred to as an advisory group.

Meeting closed at 6.52pm