

CALNE TOWN COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Large Hall on Monday 7 July 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Ms H E Canfer – Town Mayor
Councillor H R Marshall – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs G J Ansell
Councillor C M R Boase
Councillor D I Conway
Councillor D J Davies
Councillor S Denley
Councillor A K Hill
Councillor R C MacNaughton
Councillor P M Redmond
Councillor Dr J Reid
Councillor T W B Rounds
Councillor D F Short
Councillor M J Stebbing
Councillor A J Trotman
Councillor D L Warnett
Councillor G P Widger

OFFICERS:

Mrs L Roberts - Town Clerk
Mrs A Cawkwell – Finance and Committee Officer

30/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from the Councillor Mrs Baggs and Councillor Venton.

31/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

32/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2014, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.

33/14 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 33.1 *Town Criers' Competition*** – The Town Criers' Competition was held on 22 June. The thank you card was noted by members. This was a really enjoyable event, although there was a poor turnout by Councillors. It was a long day and

a shift system was suggested for Councillors attending in the future, whereby some would attend in the morning and some in the afternoon.

33.2 *Summer Festival* – The Summer Festival was held on Saturday 28 June and was a resounding success despite the downpour. The floats were fantastic and very colourful. Again there was a poor turnout of Councillors and the event relied on help from the Rotary Club, Lions Club and Town Council Officers. The beach theme was a really good and clever idea and thanks went to Tracy Howell for her amazing and really different idea.

33.3 *The Role of Councillors* – There was a need to see more input from Councillors at events. It is always the same Councillors that turn out to assist at events. The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, reiterated this and stated that a Councillor's role is that of Community Leader and it was important for the public to see the attendance of Councillors at events.

33.4 *The Opening Church Service for the Calne Music & Arts Festival* – it was confirmed that the Opening Church Service would be held on Sunday 5 October 2014 and members were requested to note this date.

34/14 POLICING IN CALNE

34.1 *Police Report* – The report from Sergeant Wright, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes, was noted by members and Councillor Boase commended the Samba Band for continuing to dance at the Summer Festival in the pouring rain.

35/14 REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Unitary Councillors updated members on the following:

- The last consultation date for Calne and Calne Without recommendations for waiting restrictions is 10 July. This information is available for viewing on the website and it has been mapped as suggested. It will be live from 10 July, and will be implemented anytime from the end of August.
- It is understood that Wiltshire Council plan to close all Youth Centres across the county. These will stay open on a needs based approach and a suitable plea is needed to be put forward to keep them open. The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, advised that Wiltshire Council will be reviewing all Youth Centres and those not economically used could be closed and sold. Those that are viable could stay open until the campus programme is completed.
- A consultation is currently underway concerning the Fire Authority and whether to combine Swindon and Wiltshire Fire Brigade. The facts and figures of the consultation are currently available for viewing online.

36/14 COMMITTEE MINUTES

36.1 *Town Development and Planning Committee*

It was proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Development and Planning Committee meetings held on 22 April, 13 May, 27 May and 17 June 2014 be received.

36.2 *Amenities Committee*

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Trotman and

RESOLVED that Working Group meetings in an evening should commence at 6.30 pm unless otherwise agreed by members of the Working Group.

It was proposed by Councillor Boase, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 19 May 2014 be received.

36.3 *Policy & Resources*

It was proposed by Councillor Rounds, seconded by Councillor Hill and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 16 June 2014 be received.

36.4 *Finance Working Group*

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ansell, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Councillor Warnett should become a member of the Finance Working Group.

The Minutes of the Finance Working Group meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2014 were noted by members.

37/14 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

37.1 Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility

It was proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note that the Phase II construction of 4 football pitches at Beversbrook has been completed and that all invoices have now been paid and all grant monies received.

37.2 LGPS Employer's Discretions Policy 2014 Scheme

It was proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Warnett and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Draft Employer's Discretions Policy for the LGPS 2014 Scheme.

38/14 ACCOUNTS

38.1 Accounts Paid

The Accounts Schedules dated 9 April 2014, pages 1349-1350, 10 April 2014, pages 1353-1356, 10 April 2014, page 1357, 25 April 2014, pages 1359-1360, 25 April 2014, pages 1361-1366, 30 April 2014 (Petty Cash), 9 May 2014 (Manual Cheques), 9 May 2014 (Manual Cheque), 21 May 2014 (Manual Cheque), 21 May 2014, pages 1386-1388, 21 May 2014, pages 1389-1398, 31 May 2014 (Petty Cash), 17 June 2014, pages 1414-1415, 17 June 2014, pages 1418-1426, 17 June 2014, page 1429, 23 June 2014 (Petty Cash), 26 June 2014, page 1437 were noted and approved.

39/14 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

39.1 Britain in Bloom Working Group – The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 April, 12 May and 16 June 2014 were noted by members.

39.2 Calne Community Safety Forum – The Minutes of the meetings held on 19 March and 21 May 2014 were noted by members.

39.3 Calne Environmental Network Newsletter – The April 2014 newsletter was noted.

39.4 Castlefields Canal and River Park Association – The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2014 and the Minutes of the AGM held on 18 July 2013 were noted.

39.5 *Renewable Energy Steering Group* – The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May and 4 June 2014 were noted.

39.6 *Town Events Working Group* – The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2014 were noted.

40/14 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was

RESOLVED that in view of the Confidential Nature of the business about to be transacted, that the public and press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

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