

**Calne Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Monday 19th November 2018
Large Hall of Calne Town Hall.**

PRESENT: Cllr Glenis Ansell – **Town Mayor**
Cllr Robert Merrick– **Deputy Town Mayor**
Cllr John Bennett
Cllr John Boaler
Cllr Declan Boore
Cllr Heather Canfer
Cllr David Conway
Cllr Terry Couchman
Cllr Jon Fisher
Cllr Alan Hill
Cllr Rich Jones (arrived at 19:30)
Cllr Robert MacNaughton
Cllr Howard Marshall
Cllr Mark Mewett
Cllr Tom Rounds
Cllr Tony Trotman

OFFICERS: Jeannette Young – Director of Council Services
Stuart West – Head of Operations

IN ATTENDANCE: Natasha Griffin – Committee Clerk

Public Participation

14 members of the public were present.

Rev. Sam King from Calne Baptist Church provided a presentation on their proposal for the land rear of Lloyds Bank.

The Calne Food bank provided a presentation that gave information on its background and how it works. They also discussed the need for a ground floor space and future proofing.

63/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Riley, Cllr Thorn and Rev. Tucker.

64/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

65/18 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Boore, seconded by Cllr Canfer and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 25th September 2018, and were signed by the Chairman.

66/18 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell noted that she would like to send a letter to Wiltshire Council to request support for the community fridge and pet food bank initiatives.

66/18.1 Feedback – Shopping Week -2nd - 9th November 2018

There was a good response from local businesses who took part and the entry who won best retailer on Porte Marsh Industrial Estate was 1st Choice Stairlifts who have been open for 8 years.

Expressions card shop was the best retailer in the town and HM Hairdressing was the best new business. 12 businesses were open on late night opening and 14 took part in 'spot the pig'.

The Mayoral Ball was sold out and raised funds for the Mayor's chosen charity.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, suggested that Shopping Week become an annual festival to raise the profile of local businesses.

A briefing lead by the Ascension Trust about the next steps of the Street Pastor Scheme will take place on November 27th between 1:30pm and 5pm. Councillors are invited to attend.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, thanked those who attended the 'speak to your councillor' sessions.

The Plastic Ocean film was very popular and 60 people attended.

66/18.2 Christmas Festival – 1st December 2018

Volunteers are still needed. This is a lovely event with lots to do.

66/18.3 Fireworks – 2nd November 2018

This event had such good feedback comments were that, it was a well rounded event and there was more to do than just watch the fireworks. Many thanks to Erin, Jeannette and the team.

66/18.4 Wedding Fair – 16th & 17th February 2019

Dates were noted by members.

66/18.5 Councillor Training - 21st November

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, reminded councillors of the training taking place at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

66/18.6 Remembrance Sunday - 11th November 2018

The event in the town hall was outstanding and well organised.

67/18 POLICING IN CALNE

67/18.1 Police Report

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, noted that she was impressed with the speed in which the incident at Bremhill View car park was dealt with. PCSO Mark Cook stated that he is working with the public in order to build confidence so that those with information are comfortable to come forward to help with the investigation. PCSO Cook is also building links with primary schools to build trust between children and the policing team.

It was noted that information regarding the breakdown of type of crime has not yet been included in the police report. Cllr Jones stated that he has met with PC Stephen Carroll with respect to this. PCSO Cook will contact PC Carroll to discuss.

68/18 REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

68/18.1 Unitary Councillors to report on any matters affecting Calne which have been discussed at Wiltshire Council meetings.

Cllr Trotman noted some good news in that Wiltshire Council will commit funding to support local towns and communities.

Cllr Trotman attended a seminar, National Planning Policy Framework, where changes coming into effect were discussed; less amenity space, dense developments and it being more acceptable to build upwards. Affordable housing is to be built on green belt sites. Cllr Trotman has asked for the paperwork detailing these changes.

Cllr Hill noted the timescale for the cross site link road as being 10 weeks; however, this is weather dependent and so could increase.

69/18 COMMITTEE MINUTES / WORKING GROUP MINUTES

69/18.1 Amenities Committee – members received and noted the draft minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2018.

69/18.2 Policy and Resources Committee – members received and noted the minutes of the P&R Committee meeting held on 24th September 2018 and the draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018.

69/18.3 Town Development & Planning Committee – members received and noted the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2018 and the draft minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2018.

69/18.4 Emergency Plan Working Group – members received the notes of the meeting held on 20th September 2018 and 29th October 2018.

69/18.5 Strategic Steer working Group – members received the notes of the meeting held on 19th September and 9th October and the draft notes of the meeting held on and 30th October 2018.

69/18.5.1 Recommendation from the meeting held on 9th October 2018

Members noted the recommendation put forward by the Strategic Steer working group and discussed whether or not Calne Town Council should discuss service devolution with Wiltshire Council prior to the issue of overage being resolved.

It was discussed that the proposed recommendation put forward by the Strategic Steer working group should not be supported and that restrictions should not be placed on Officers. This recommendation was put to the vote and failed with 9 members voting against.

The Director of Council Services confirmed that a confidentiality agreement had not yet been received to allow sight of the costs and a list of assets has been received.

It was proposed by Cllr Hill seconded by Cllr Marshall and

RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Director of Council Services to attempt to open negotiations with Wiltshire Council regarding the devolution of services and the issue of the overage.

69/18.6 Town Centre Sites Masterplan – members received the notes of the meetings held on 24th September 2018, 1st October 2018 and 15th October 2018.

69/18.7 Youth Facilities Services Working Group – members received the draft notes of the meeting held on 19th September 2018.

69/18.8 Calne Community Safety Forum – members received the draft notes from the meeting held on 20th September 2018.

70/18 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

70/18.1 General Power of Competence

It was proposed by Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Merrick, seconded by Cllr Couchman and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Calne Town Council meets the criteria which enables it to qualify as an eligible Town Council to use the General Power of Competence. This resolution will last for the remaining term of office of this Council.

70/18.2 Draft Budget 2019/2020

It was proposed by Cllr Trotman, seconded by Cllr Conway and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Draft Budget 2019/2020, with a nil increase in the Band D cost of £210.31 and a Precept requirement of £1,273,530.

70/18.3 Christmas & New Year Opening 2018/2019

70/18.3.1 Bank House

It was proposed by Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Merrick, seconded by Cllr Marshall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Christmas & New Year opening times for Bank House and delegate to the Director of Council Services to progress.

70/18.3.2 Beversbrook Sports Facility

Questions were raised as to the opening times of Beversbrook during the Christmas period. Members discussed how it could be beneficial for the facility to be open during the Christmas school holiday.

It was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Boaler and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Director of Council Services to liaise with the manager at Beversbrook to ask the question whether or not the proposals from last year have been followed up which have resulted in this closure plan and if it is not too late that any opportunities to use the proposed closure days for

activities that would bring in funds be explored. Further, the opening times for Christmas 2019/20 should come to Full Council for approval in September 2019.

70/18.4 Calendar of Meetings 2019/2020

It was proposed by Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Merrick, seconded by Cllr Jones and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2019/2020

71/18 ACCOUNTS

71/18.1 Payments

It was proposed by Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Merrick, seconded by Cllr Marshall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note the following approved payments; 30th September 2018 (Petty Cash), 3rd October 2018 pages 3013 – 3018, 24th October 2018 (Manual Cheque), 25th October 2018 pages 3035 – 3039, 26th October 2018 (Manual Cheque), 31st October 2018 (Petty Cash).

72/18 BUDGET AND EARMARKED RESERVES

Members noted the attached budget and earmarked reserves.

73/18 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

In view of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Reason for confidential session:

To consider professional legal advice and to discuss and agree actions with respect to the Town Centre Masterplan.	Public to be excluded from the meeting to consider legal implications and commercial information.	Disclosure of legal implications and commercial information.
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It was proposed by Cllr Boore, seconded by Cllr Couchman and

RESOLVED that in view of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw

Public session ended at: 20:50

74/18 To confirm, as a true record the Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the **Town Council** held on 25th September 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr Conway, seconded by the Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell and

RESOLVED to confirm, as a true record the Confidential Minutes of the Town Council meeting on 25th September 2018. and these were signed by the Chairman

75/18 Confidential Minutes – members received and noted the draft confidential minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2018.

76/18 Confidential Minutes – members received and noted the confidential minutes of the P&R Committee meeting held on 24th September 2018 and the draft confidential minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018.

77/18 Finance Working Group

Members resolved to approve the recommendation from the meeting held on 22nd October 2018.

78/18 Recreation Club

Members considered the response from the Recreation Club.

79/18 Town Centre Masterplan

It was proposed by Cllr Conway, seconded by Cllr Hill and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to continue the meeting for a further 15 minutes.

Members resolved to take no further action at this time.

Meeting Closed at: 21:10