

Calne Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Monday 8th April 2019
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 Terry Couchman
Cllr David Conway
Cllr Alan Hill
Cllr Robert MacNaughton
Cllr Tom Rounds
Cllr Ian Thorn
Cllr Tony Trotman
Cllr Greg Widger

OFFICERS: Mark Edwards – Head of Business
Natasha Griffin – Committee Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Rev Tucker

PUBLIC & PRESS:

A representative from the Gazette and Herald was in attendance.

Public Participation

12 members of the public were present.

Bristol Avon Rivers Trust – A representative from BART provided information relating to the restoration and proposed remodelling of the River Marden and summarised the work they have undertaken and future plans that would include the use of modelling software.

River Warriors – Representatives from the River Warriors informed members that young people are involved in many activities that include creative tasks and litter picking. The River Warriors have worked with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and created posters on the environment act. Thanks was given to Francis Bosworth for all of his good work with the group.

Eartunes – the Programme Controller of Eartunes extended an invitation to all Councillors who would like to appear on the radio and be interviewed allowing local residents to learn more about each councillor and their work for Calne.

104/18 TO ELECT A PROPER OFFICER FOR THIS MEETING

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Mark Edwards as Proper Officer for this meeting held on 8th April 2019.

105/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Fisher, Cllr Jones, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Mewett and Jeannette Young.

106/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

107/18 MINUTES

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Town Council Committee meeting held on 4th February 2019 as a true record and were signed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell.

108/18 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell made the following announcements;

- 108/18.1 Spring sing – 27th April 2019**
- 108/18.2 Calne Summer Festival & Carnival – 29th June 2019**
- 108/18.3 Calne Musical Medley – 6th July 2019**
- 108/18.4 Plastic Free Day – 4th May 2019**
- 108/18.5 Speed watch volunteers are required**
- 108/18.6 Volunteer drivers for Calne link scheme are required**
- 108/18.7 Open Gardens – 23rd June 2019**

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell informed members of two further events; the Duck Race on 11th May, and the 'Eurovision Party' on 18th May to raise funds for the Mayor's Charity.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell gave thanks to Cllr Bennett who has gone the extra mile this year in organising the building community connections event and volunteering as a driver on Christmas Day.

- 108/18.8 Town Mayor-Elect 2019/2020**

The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Merrick will be ratified at the Annual meeting of the Town Council and Mayor Making on 13th May 2019.

108/18.9 Nominations for Deputy Town Mayor – 2019/20

Cllr Trotman spoke to the nomination put forward in advance to the Proper Officer for Cllr Jones to be elected Deputy Town Mayor in 2019/20.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Cllr Jones as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal year.

109/18 POLICING IN CALNE

109/18.1 Police Report

Members received and noted the police report.

Cllr Boaler shared a report showing Calne crime data for members' information and noted that there has been an increase in the number of some types of crime. It was discussed that the accuracy of the data should be validated.

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

RESOLVED to invite Chief Constable, Kier Pritchard (or delegate) to attend a meeting at Bank House to discuss the increase in the number of crimes in Calne and what actions are to be taken.

110/18 REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

110/18.1

Cllr Trotman noted that the Churchill development is under appeal. A number of changes have been made to a revised application and this is expected to be seen for discussion at a future Town Development and Planning meeting.

Cllr Thorn discussed the recent threat to the Calne to Chippenham cycle path and noted that the implementation of a 5-year agreement with a 1 year break clause; however, members should be ready to respond if the break clause is implemented.

111/18 COMMITTEE MINUTES / WORKING GROUP MINUTES

111/18.1 Amenities Committee

Members received and noted the draft minutes of the Amenities Committee

meeting held on 25th February 2019.

111/18.2 Policy and Resources Committee

Members received and noted the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 4th March 2019 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 25th March 2019.

111/18.3 Town Development & Planning Committee

Members received and noted the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2019, 6th March 2019, and 27th March 2019.

111/18.4 Emergency Plan Working Group

Members received the notes from the meeting held on 12th February 2019.

111/18.5 Strategic Steer working Group

Members received the draft notes of the meeting held on 5th February 2019.

112/18 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

112/18.1 River Marden Modelling by Bristol Avon Rivers Trust

Concerns were raised with respect to additional information required that outlined the cost, benefit to the community and which other parishes have agreed funding. This is not indicated in the report.

However, a number of Councillors were of the view that remodelling of the River Marden should be supported.

The Head of Operations summarised that the software package used previously is now out of date and therefore a new software package is required to survey and remodel. The estimate of £10,000 is a maximum cost reached in agreement with BART. Other parishes have not been contacted at this time as the aim was to first gauge opinion of Calne Town Councillors as this is the only town where the River Marden runs through.

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

RESOLVED to defer decision at this time and that funding should not be allocated to carry out river modelling on the River Marden until further information is available as to the detail of costings, benefits to the community and which other councils are able to contribute.

112/18.2 Draft Communication Policy

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Communication Policy.

112/18.3 Audio Recording, Filming, Photographing and Reporting of The Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings Policy

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Audio Recording, Filming, Photographing and Reporting of The Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings Policy with the amendment that Chair be revised to Chairman.

112/18.4 CIL Report

Members received and noted the CIL report.

112/18.5 Recommendation from TD&P – CIL - approval of project funding from earmarked reserves

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve 5/6 of the cost of Phase 2 (independent and technical review) of up to £4500 as recommended by TD&P, initially put forward by the Transport Strategy Working Group. Funding to be taken from 910 9500 Community Infrastructure Levy Restricted Reserve.

113/18 ACCOUNTS

113/18.1 Payments

Members approved the following payments;

31st January 2019 (Petty Cash), 8th February 2019 pages 3137 – 3139, 28th February 2019 pages 3145 – 3146, 28th February 2019 (Petty Cash), 15th March 2019 page 3160, 18th March 2019 page 3161, 18th March 2019 pages 3162 – 3166, 27th March 2019 pages 3171 – 3174, 31st March 2019 (Petty Cash) 31st March 2019 (Petty Cash).

114/18 BUDGET AND EARMARKED RESERVES

114/18.1 Budget Report as at 29th March 2019

Members noted the budget report.

114/18.2 Earmarked Reserves as at 28th February 2019

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve that the following earmarked reserves should be transferred into a new earmarked reserve budget for projects as recommended by the Finance Working Group:

- Accounts and Corporate Governance (901/9006) (P&R) - £2000
- Town Centre Masterplan (903/9010)(TD&P) – £7187
- Street Furniture (903/9100) (TD&P) - £293
- Heritage Name Plates (903/9108) (TD&P) - £3615

115/18 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was proposed by Cllr Trotman, seconded by Cllr Widger 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: 20:29

116/18 To confirm, as a true record the Confidential Minutes of the **Town Council committee meeting held on 4th February 2019.**

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

RESOLVED to approve the Confidential Minutes of the Town Council committee meeting held on 4th February 2019 as a true record, and were signed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell.

117/18 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Members received and noted the draft confidential minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 25th February 2019.

118/18 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Members received and noted the draft confidential minutes of the P&R Committee meeting held on 4th March 2019 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 25th March 2019 (Draft).

119/18 SERVICE DEVOLUTION

Members noted the update.

120/18 BEVERSBROOK

Members noted the update.

Meeting Closed at: 20:30

Signed:

Dated: