



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL HELD THROUGH THE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM ON THURSDAY, 8th APRIL, 2021

In the Chair: Cllr M Smith (Town Mayor)

Present:

Cllr B Adams	Cllr C Adams	Cllr Mrs J Bloom
Cllr Mrs S Chapple	Cllr B Chapple	Cllr A Christensen
Cllr T Dixon	Cllr T Hussain	Cllr N Hussain
Cllr A Huxley	Cllr T Hunter-Watts	Cllr M White
Cllr R Lloyd	Cllr A Morgan	Cllr Mrs S Morgan
Cllr Mrs B Russel	Cllr Mrs D Summers	Cllr Mrs R Takodra
Cllr Ms G Wadhwa	Cllr M Willis	Cllr M Winn

Officers in attendance: Mr K Gray (Town Clerk)
Mr M Broughton (Deputy Town Clerk)

Eight members of the public in attendance

The Town Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting of the Town Council and asked whether any of the members of the public present wished to take part in the public participation session and no indications to this effect were forthcoming.

The Town Mayor opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.

- 1. TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
RESOLVED: Apologies received from Cllr S Lambert (work commitments) and Cllr W Raja (prior commitment).
- 2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
The Town Mayor highlighted his ascent of the tower of St Mary's Church earlier in the week when he assisted Bishop Alan and Father Doug Zimmerman in the unveiling of the new cross on the building.
- 3. LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Cllr Lloyd informed Council that meetings with HS2 Ltd were continuing, to monitor flooding, noise and traffic issues. Section 17 notices were expected to be published in June. The Leader also advised members that the government had recently announced that the legality of holding virtual council meetings after 6 May 2021 was being terminated.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare and note any personal or prejudicial interests, and to declare and note any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th March 2021.

Cllr Mrs Summers indicated that her surname had been spelled incorrectly in the list of members.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above minor point, the draft minutes be duly received, accepted, and unanimously agreed for the Town Council meeting on 11th March 2021 and be signed as a true and accurate record.

6. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

To receive a report from the Clerk on additional matters not on the agenda, if applicable.

The Town Clerk had no matters arising on the Minutes to report but he re-stated the message delivered by the Leader that virtual meetings of Council and committees after 6th May 2021 were to be discontinued, pending a present legal case. He had thus made contingency arrangements to hold the first meeting of the newly elected Council on 20th May at a community centre in the town.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

To take Minutes "as read" and to note/accept Minutes accordingly.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, to take Minutes "as read" and to note/accept Minutes accordingly:

i) Planning Committee

To receive draft Minutes of 15th March 2021 (pages 11-14)

To receive any update from the Chairman following the meeting held on 6th April 2021

ii) Grants Committee

To receive draft Minutes of 24th March 2021 (pages 15-17)

iii) Policy Committee

To note the next meeting will be held on 14th April 2021

iv) Direct Services Committee

To receive draft Minutes of 17th March 2021 (pages 18-20)

v) Finance Committee

To receive draft Minutes of 10th March 2021 (pages 21-23)

vi) Communities Committee

To note the next meeting will be held on 13th April 2021.

8. FINANCIAL

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 11 (February 2021) (Pages 24-39)
- b) Cash Books for Month 11 (February 2021) (Pages 40-45)

Councillors are asked to send any questions to officers and/or Cllr M. Smith before the meeting so that any necessary information may be gathered.

Cllr Smith, Chairman of Finance Committee, indicated that he had received no questions from members in advance of the meeting. No specific matters were raised. Cllr Smith advised that the level of General Reserve stood at marginally under 25% of operating expenditure due to offsetting of the 2021/22 Precept as previously agreed by Council.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, to accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report (February 2021) and the Cash Books (February 2021).

9. OUTSIDE BODY REPORTS

To receive verbal reports from representatives on Outside Bodies

*Aylesbury Town Twinning Association
No report*

*Aylesbury Multi-Cultural Centre
Cllrs Mrs Summers reported that unfortunately there were still unresolved issues at the Centre and an extraordinary meeting would be held shortly, with the involvement also of Buckinghamshire Council.*

*Aylesbury Resilience Group (Town Centre Partnership)
No report*

*Elizabeth Eman Trust
Cllr Mrs Summers reported that despite the ongoing pandemic the Trust's work was continuing positively through electronic means and virtual meetings.*

*William Harding Charity Trust
Cllr Mrs Takodra indicated that her final meeting as representative on the Trust would be held next week.*

*ARLA Liaison Group
No report.*

*Aylesbury Garden Town Board
No report.*

*Bucks Council Freight Strategy Group
Cllr Huxley advised that there was presently consideration being given to out of town freight (A41 route) and the Group were liaising with hauliers.*

*Aylesbury Community Board
No report.*

10. CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES QUESTION TIME

Planning & Licensing Committee (Cllr Lloyd)
No questions.

Policy Committee (Cllr Lloyd)
No questions

Communities Committee (Cllr Dixon)
No questions.

Direct Services Committee (Cllr Raja)
No questions.

Grants Committee (Cllr Willis)
No questions.

Finance Committee (Cllr Smith)
No questions

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting, the first of the newly elected Council, would be held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m. at a venue to be advised.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.17 p.m.

Mayor _____ Date _____