



AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10 February 2022, in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP at 7pm

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7pm.

In the Chair: Cllr Anders Christensen (Town Mayor)

Present:

M. Azam	S. Bateman	S. Chapple
T. Dixon	C. Hendren	T. Hunter-Watts
R. King	P. Koya	S. Lambert
R. Lloyd	A. Morgan	W. Raja
A. Sherwell	D. Summers	D. Thompson
G. Wadhwa		

Officers: Mr Keith Gray, JP (Town Clerk)
Mrs Judith Priest (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies of absence from Town Councillors.

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr M. Baldwin (illness), Cllr N. Hussain (family commitment), Cllr T. Hussain (work commitment), Cllr R. Khan (family commitment), Cllr N. Mehta (illness), Cllr S. Morgan (illness), Cllr M. Willis (illness), Cllr M. Winn (work commitment)

Cllr S. Chapple, Cllr R. King, Cllr D. Summers and Cllr D. Thompson arrived at 7:01pm

2. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor formally noted the passing of the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr Mark Broughton. The Mayor, Leader of the Council and Town Clerk will be attending the funeral on behalf of the Council. The Council's thoughts and best wishes are with Mark's family.

The Town Mayor referred to the list of Mayoral Engagements previously circulated and in addition highlighted that he recently attended three events organised by the Aylesbury Hundreds Rotary Club. He also planted a tree at Buckingham Park School for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.

3. Leader's Announcements

The leader of the council announced that he attended another HS2 meeting and that overnight deliveries have started to arrive at the back of Hawkslade. Deliveries are carefully monitored and some initial noise issues have already been resolved. Cllr Lloyd reiterated that should any councillors receive any comments, feedback or issues regarding HS2 from residents to pass these on to the HS2 community engagement team so they can be looked into immediately.

The section 17 notice for the Aylesbury section of HS2 still hasn't been published. Publication is anticipated in March.

The leader asked councillors to vote for "Live in the Park" as Best Family Friendly Event at the Litte Ankle Biters' Awards. A link to the voting website has been sent to all Town Councillors.

Cllr Lloyd advised that the Council will shortly be involved in the consultation of the Emerald Way (Cycleway) Extension and more information will be provided in the coming weeks.

On Friday 11 February 2022 Willow Flood Defences training will be taking place at The Willows, for anyone wishing to take part.

7:05pm Cllr S Lambert arrived

4. Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensation

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

Cllr R. King informed that his surname is misspelled in the minutes and asked for it to be corrected from Kings to King.

Cllr R. King asked that it be noted that he asked a question, under agenda item 8, which is not shown in the minutes. The question was, if salaries for staff could be split into the relevant cost centres rather than all being noted in cost centre 101.

The Town Mayor informed councillors that on the minutes he is signing the number of votes in agenda item 9 have been corrected from 21 to 19.

Resolved: To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13 January 2022 (pages 6-10) taking the above corrections into account.

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 raised no further matters.

7. Dementia Friends

The Council's Community Officer, Benedicta Lasoye, delivered an abridged Dementia Friends Session for all councillors. Key messages included:

- Dementia is not part of growing old
- Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain
- Dementia is not just about losing your memory - it can affect your communication, motor skills, sequencing and vision too
- It is possible to live with Dementia
- There is more to the person than the Dementia

Since 2016

- The Town Council has created 2749 dementia friends
- Delivered 116 dementia friends' sessions
- Started #TuesdayTunes, in partnership with Aylesbury Libraries. The project connects people's memories through music.
- Worked with the Waterside Theatre, who are a great supporter and partner. They have organised Dementia Friendly screenings and in partnership with the Town Council delivered three events based on Music, Moves and Memories in the Second Space of the theatre. The theatre helped promote Dementia Action Week with La Voix in 2021.
- The Council has received accreditation from the Alzheimer Society that Aylesbury is "Working towards being a dementia friendly town"

8. Committee Minutes and Chairmen's Reports

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to take Minutes "as read" and to note/accept Minutes accordingly

i) Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr M Willis

- a) To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2022 (pages 11-14)
- b) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2022 (pages 15-19)

ii) Policy Committee - Cllr R Lloyd

- a) To note that the meeting on 26 January 2022 was cancelled and that the next meeting will be held on 13 April 2022.

iii) Direct Services - Cllr W Raja

- a) To note that the next meeting will be held on 15 March 2022.

iv) Communities Committee - Cllr T Dixon

- a) To note that a meeting took place on 8 February 2022.

- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
 - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 (pages 20-22)
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
 - a) To note that the next meeting will be held on 9 March 2022.

9. Financial

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 9 (December 2021) (pages 23-39)
- b) Cash Books for Month 9 (December 2021) (pages 40-48)

Cllr D. Thompson thanked the Finance Officer for including the cash book opening balances in the figures provided.

Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Lloyd and on being put to the vote agreed unanimously to accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report (December 2021) and the Cash Books (December 2021)

10. Outside Body Reports

To receive verbal reports from Town Council representatives on Outside Bodies.

a) Arla Liaison Group

Cllr A. Sherwell attended the last liaison group meeting on behalf of Cllr T. Hunter-Watts. Cllr Sherwell reported that the Arla in Aston Clinton is 10 years old and business is going well. Arla had bought a piece of land next to their site on which they had planned to build warehouses. However, the plans have fallen through and they are currently assessing what to do with the land.

Arla has sought permission from the Environmental Agency to increase their production to the full capacity.

In the last few years Arla has done considerable work to mitigate any noise related issues.

b) Armed Forces Covenant

Cllr D. Summers reported that she recently attended a passing out parade at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, where all officers in the British Army are trained to take on the responsibility of leading their soldiers.

A presentation was given to all attendees which highlighted the work being done at Sandhurst, who are very happy to visit schools and give a talk on the apprenticeships available within the forces. Cllr Summers highlighted how impressive the work is that is being done in Buckinghamshire, to support those who served their country, with housing, financial assistance, if required, change in career, education, wellbeing and more.

c) Aylesbury Garden Town Board - No reports

d) Aylesbury Town Twinning Association - No reports

e) **Aylesbury Vale Multi-Cultural Centre (AVMCC)**

Cllr D. Summers reported that the AVMCC has now finalised and submitted its account to Buckinghamshire Council (BC), which resulted in BC releasing a grant to the AVMCC. At present the recent troubles seem to be behind them.

f) **Buckinghamshire Council Freight Strategy Group** - No reports

g) **The Emans Trust** - No reports

h) **Town Centre Partnership** - No reports

i) **William Harding Charity Trust**

Cllr S. Bateman reported that the charity meets at least once per month and is very active. They are currently creating a logo to have an emblem that the community can associate with the charity. In addition, the charity is looking to create a webpage where residents can find more information.

Cllr Bateman advised councillors that the charity has plenty of money to give out grants to support individuals and groups. Work is underway to create more awareness of the charity and the grants available to reach a more diverse community.

11. Chairs of the committees' question time

a) **Planning and Licensing** - No questions

b) **Policy** - No questions

Cllr R. Lloyd advised that councillor emails are still being spoofed and used for fraudulent activities. The policy committee will discuss options of taking off councillors' email addresses from the website, whilst still ensuring that councillors can be contacted by members of the public.

c) **Communities Committee**

Cllr R. Lloyd mentioned that he had very positive feedback from residents about the "Street Party Toolkit" and asked what reach it has so far. Cllr T. Dixon advised that the toolkit had 616 website clicks.

d) **Direct Services** - No questions

e) **Grants** - No questions

f) **Finance** - No questions

12. Date of the next meeting

To note the next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman