



AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 11 April 2024,
in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury,
HP20 2QP at 7pm**

Present

In the Chair: Cllr S Lambert (Town Mayor)

Councillors

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| M. Baldwin | S. Bateman | S. Chapple | A. Christensen |
| T. Dixon | C. Hendren | T. Hunter-Watts | N. Hussain |
| T. Hussain | R. King | P. Koya | R. Lloyd |
| N. Mehta | A. Morgan | S. Morgan | A. Sherwell |
| D. Thompson | G. Wadhwa | M. Willis | M. Winn |

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

3 Members of the public in attendance

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:26pm.

1. Apologies of Absence

Cllr M Azam (prior commitment), Cllr R Khan (prior commitment), Cllr W Raja (family commitment), Cllr D Summers (prior commitment)

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed that the above apologies be received and accepted.

Cllr A Morgan left the room at 7:25pm

2. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor provided an overview of the many engagements he and the Deputy Mayor attended throughout March. A full list of the engagements was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Highlights included a visit to Aylesbury Grammar School and The Grange School, the Sew and So Scrapstastic event, local litter picks with residents, the celebration of

the Kings Award for Queens Park Art Centre and visit to the local faith communities and churches.

Cllr Baldwin left the room at 7:26pm

Cllr A Morgan re-entered the room at 7:27pm

3. Leader's Announcements

The Leader, Cllr Lloyd, sent his condolences to the family of former Town Mayor Barbara Russell, who passed away.

The next Buckinghamshire Council Parish Liaison Meeting is on Wednesday 24 April 2024. Cllr Lloyd has asked for the proposed Street Trading Licence Policy to be on the agenda for the meeting.

Cllr M Baldwin re-entered the room at 7:29pm

4. Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation

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

Cllr M Winn declared an interest in item 9 and 10 as he is a cabinet member of Buckinghamshire Council, and that he will be leaving the room when the items are being discussed.

5. Minutes

Resolved: To sign and agree, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14 March 2024.

6. Matters arising on the Minutes

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

The Clerk raised no further matters.

7. Committee Minutes and Chairmen's Reports

Resolved: Unanimously agreed, to take Minutes "as read" and to note/accept Minutes listed below.

i) Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr M Willis

- a) To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 March 2024.
- b) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024.
- c) To note that the next meeting will take place on Monday 22 April 2024.

- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
 - a) To receive any important updates from the chairman following the meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2024.
- iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr W Raja
 - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2024.
- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
 - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024.
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
 - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2024.
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
 - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 March 2024.

8. Financial

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 11 (February 2024)
- b) Cash Books for Month 11 (February 2024)

No questions were asked, or comments made regarding the financial report councillors received in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: The council unanimously accepted the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Reports February 2024 (month11) and Cash Books for February 2024 (month 11).

Cllr Winn left the room at 7:32pm

9. Buckinghamshire Council Street Trading Policy Consultation

Councillors discussed Buckinghamshire Council's proposed Street Trading Policy and the impact this has on the town council and other parish/town councils, event organisers, charities, local organisations and businesses and the community.

Cllr S Lambert proposed, Cllr A Christensen seconded to delegate to the Town Mayor, Leader of the Council and the Town Clerk to write a statement on behalf of the council and respond to the Buckinghamshire Council Street Trading Policy Consultation, raising the impact the proposed policy will have on businesses, charities, communities and events.

Resolved: The council unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk, Town Mayor and Leader of the Council respond to Buckinghamshire Council's Street Trading Policy consultation on behalf of the council.

10. Buckinghamshire Council Sports and Social Club Site

To agree that this Council supports Stoke Mandeville Parish Council's application to purchase the Bucks Sports and Social Club from Buckinghamshire Council and for the Town Clerk and Leader to write a letter of support.

Cllr R Lloyd gave an introduction and provided additional information on the planned purchase by Stoke Mandeville Parish Council.

Councillors had a lengthy discussion.

Cllr R Lloyd proposed, Cllr M Willis seconded for this Council to support Stoke Mandeville Parish Council in their purchase of the Sports and Social Club site and for the Town Clerk and Leader to write a letter of support.

Resolved: On being put to the vote the council voted 17 For, 2 Against and 1 Abstention for the Leader and Town Clerk to write a letter of support to Stoke Mandeville Parish Council on behalf of the town council.

Cllr Winn re-entered the room at 7:57pm

11. Outside Bodies Report

To receive verbal reports from Outside Body representatives.

Cllr S Bateman, William Harding Trust

Cllr Bateman reported back on the new grant for schools, which the Trust has established. She expected that the initial request from schools would be around £500-£1500 mark but having received further information from the school it is apparent that the money required is over £20,000. The trust will have to discuss this further to see how they can proceed with the new grant.

No further reports from Outside Body representatives were received.

12. Committees Question Time

i) Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr M Willis

No questions

ii) Policy Committee - Cllr R Lloyd

Cllr Winn asked a question, asking for clarification on a statement regarding the future funding for the community centres pertaining to a press release the council issued regarding the devolved services of the 3 community centres and Railway Club. Cllr Lloyd and other councillors provided clarification on the matter.

iii) Direct Services - Cllr W Raja

No questions

iv) Communities Committee - Cllr T Dixon

No questions

v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
No questions

vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
No questions

13. **Date Of Next Meeting**

To note the Annual Council meeting, will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP.

The meeting closed at 8:04pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Town Mayor