



AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting called for Thursday 13 April 2023,
in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury,
HP20 2QP at 7pm**

Present

In the Chair: Cllr Tim Dixon (Mayor)

Councillors

M. Azam	M. Baldwin	S. Bateman	S. Chapple
A. Christensen	T. Hunter-Watts	N. Hussain	T. Hussain
R. Khan BEM	R. King	P. Koya	S. Lambert
R. Lloyd	N. Mehta	A. Morgan	S. Morgan
W. Raja	A. Sherwell	G. Wadhwa	M. Willis
M. Winn			

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

2 Members of the public in attendance

Mayor Cllr T Dixon welcomed everyone and introduced guest speaker, Adam Jones from MacIntyre Charity. The charity was established in 2008 to provide an inclusive and flexible model of education for young people with special educational needs, aged 16 and over. MacIntyre works with Buckinghamshire College Group and Milton Keynes college.

As Job Coach Adam helps to find employment/work experience for the young people and to ensure that the young people are part of our society.

MacIntyre has partnerships with National Trust, Oxfam, National Paralympics, Sue Ryder and John Lewis & Partners.

The challenges the charity is experiencing is that only 1 out of 16 companies will be happy to provide work experience. Many of these organisations are charities. However, the young people do courses such as computer gaming, childcare, hospitality and finding work experience opportunities in these sectors is the hardest.

The Mayor and councillors thanked Adam for the insightful presentation and councillors discussed how the council can assist. Councillors suggested that Adam's presentation is

circulated to all councillors who can then share it within their own network to raise awareness.

Mayor Cllr T Dixon, called the meeting to order at 7:23pm.

1. **Apologies of Absence**

Cllr D Summers (prior commitment), Cllr D. Thompson (family commitment), Cllr C Hendren (family commitment)

Resolved: To unanimously agree that the above apologies be received and accepted.

2. **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor reported on the engagements he and the Deputy Town Mayor carried out in March such as an interview with 3Counties Radio to promote the Great British Spring Clean, the Westgate Healthcare event to celebrate the 5* they have received from the CQC Celebration, the declaration of the new High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Dame Ann Limb and many more. A full list of engagement was provided to councillors in advance.

Cllrs W Raja, T Hussain, N Hussain and R Khan left the meeting at 7:26pm

3. **Leader's Announcements**

Cllr R Lloyd advised councillors that the Mayor's Family Fun Day at the Aylesbury United Football game will be taking place on 22 April 2023 in Chesham. Information has gone out on social media and all Cllrs have been asked to share the information with their network.

He thanked Motts Travel for providing a free coach to take people from Aylesbury to Chesham for the day.

The Mayors charities are taking part and providing activities and the event/match is free to attend for children.

Aylesbury in Bloom applications are still open, councillors have been asked to encourage residents in their wards to enter.

Can all councillors please RSVP to Sue Carpenter regarding their attendance/on-attendance at Mayor making on 19 May 2023.

St George's Parade will be taking place on 23 April 2023, which will coincide with the testing of the Governments National Emergency alert system. Councillors are encouraged to advise their residents of the testing and how to opt out.

The Garden Town Board still have not met and the last meeting was cancelled.

Parish Liaison has been cancelled for next week and moved to June. Cllr Lloyd submitted questions to Buckinghamshire Council via BMKALC for the meeting.

Cllr P Koya asked when the council could expect a response to the Local Plan from BC. Cllr Lloyd explained that the local plan is a lengthy process, and no response should be expected imminently.

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.

No declarations made and no dispensations requested.

5. Minutes

Resolved: To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 March 2023.

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 13 March 2023
 - b) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023
 - c) To receive any important updates from the chairman following the meeting held on 11 April 2023

- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
To receive any important updates from the chairman following the meeting held on 12 April 2023

- iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr W Raja
 - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023

- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
 - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2023

- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
 - b) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2023

- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
 - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2023

8. Financial

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 11 (February 2023)
- b) Cash Books for Month 11 (February 2023)

Resolved: The council unanimously accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Reports February 2023 (month 11) and Cash Books for February 2023 (month 11)

9. Community Sports Hub

To receive an update from the Leader of the Council on the proposed Community Sports Hub

Cllr R Lloyd advised the council that the consulting company has spoken with all local sports teams, leagues and organisations and are currently drafting the report. The report is expected in early May and will be shared with everyone.

A meeting has been scheduled with the Ernest Cook Trust, Cllr R Lloyd and the Town Clerk to discuss possible land options for the community sports hub.

10. Outside Bodies Report

To receive, if any, verbal reports from Outside Body representatives.

William Harding Charity Trust

Cllr Bateman reported that the charity continues to receive many applications including applications from organisation who have not applied before.

They are working on a leaflet to help promote the charity. Organisations can usually apply once per financial year.

11. Committees Question Time

i) Planning & Licensing Committee

No questions

ii) Policy Committee - Cllr R Lloyd

No questions

iii) Direct Services

Cllr R King thanked the Town Clerk for getting the container moved and the litter removed. He did some litter picking one weekend. He asked if the council would consider in the future to ban plastic flowers on graves.

Cllr Baldwin said that she would struggle with such an enforcement and not everyone can afford fresh flowers every week.

Cllr Lambert proposed to look at it differently rather than ban plastic flowers encourage people to look at alternative options.

iv) Communities Committee - Cllr T Dixon

No questions

v) Grants Committee - Cllr S Morgan

No questions

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

12. **Date Of Next Meeting**

To note the next meeting of the Council, will be the Annual Council Meeting and will be held on Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP.

The meeting closed at 8:43pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Town Mayor