



AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 13 June 2024,
in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury,
HP20 2QP at 7pm**

Present

In the Chair: Cllr A Sherwell (Town Mayor)

Councillors

M. Baldwin	S. Bateman	T. Dixon	C. Hendren
N. Hussain	T. Hussain	R. Khan	R. King
P. Koya	R. Lloyd	N. Mehta	A. Morgan
S. Morgan	D. Thompson	M. Willis	

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

5 Members of the public in attendance

The Mayor welcomed Adil Iftakhar as new Deputy Town Clerk to Aylesbury Town Council.

The Mayor welcomed Peter Cooper from South Central Ambulance Service, who gave an overview on the use of defibrillators and how defibrillators work in the case of a cardiac arrest.

2 members of the public addressed the council. They have formed an action group to save the Gala Bingo Hall on the High Street and asked the council for assistance.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies received from Cllr M Azam (no reason given), Cllr A Christensen (work commitment), Cllr S Chapple (illness), Cllr T Hunter-Watts (illness), Cllr S Lambert (prior commitment), Cllr D Summer (illness), Cllr G Wadhwa (work commitment), Cllr M Winn (family commitment), Cllr W Raja (family commitment)

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed that the above apologies and reasons be received and accepted for Cllr A Christensen, Cllr S Chapple, Cllr T Hunter-Watts, Cllr S Lambert, Cllr W Raja, Cllr D Summer, Cllr G Wadhwa, Cllr M Winn.

Apology for absence from Cllr M Azam was not accepted.

2. Mayor's Announcements

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

The Mayor thanked Judith Priest, Deputy Town Clerk for her diligent work and commitment in the last 10 years at the council and wished her all the very best in her new role as Clerk to West Bletchley Council. All councillors in attendance, thanked Judith and wished her the very best in her new role.

3. Leader's Announcements

The Leader, Cllr Lloyd, advised councillors that Soapbox Derby is taking place this Sunday 16 June, and encouraged councillors to attend.

He also highlighted that he attended a meeting together with Cllr S Bateman and Cllr R King with a consultancy, which working on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council and is assessing the conservation areas in Aylesbury.

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 received and no dispensations requested.

5. Minutes

Resolved: To sign and agree, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 May 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 on the minutes but advised councillors that the Public Works Loan Board has approved the loan for the purchase of the Railway Club.

7. Committee Minutes and Chairmen's Reports

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

Unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Policy committee will be moved from Wednesday 3 July to Wednesday 17 July 2024.

i) Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr M Willis

- a) To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2024.
- b) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024.

- c) To receive any important updates of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 2024.
- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
 - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2024.
 - b) To note that the next meeting of the committee is taking place on Wednesday 3 July 2024.
- iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr W Raja
 - a) To receive any important updates of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 2024.
- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
 - a) To receive any important updates of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2024.
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
 - a) To note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 June 2024.
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
 - a) To receive any important updates of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2024.

8. Financial

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 12 (March 2024)
- b) Cash Books for Month 12 (March 2024)
- c) To accept the cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 1 (April 2024)
- d) Cash Books for Month 1 (April 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 March 2024 (month 12) and April 2024 (month 1) and Cash Books for March 2024 (month 12) And April 2024 (month 1).

9. External Audit/Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) / End of Year Accounts 2023-24

- a) To receive the Final Updated Internal Audit Report
Resolved: Councillors noted, and accepted, the report and had no further questions.
- b) To approve and sign Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR.
Resolved: Unanimously approved and signed Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR.
- c) To receive and sign the Unaudited Financial Statement for the year ending 31 March 2024.
Resolved: Unanimously approved and signed the Unaudited Financial Statement for the year ending 31 March 2024.

d) To approve and sign Section 2, the Accounting Statement of the AGAR.
Resolved: Unanimously approved and signed Section 2, the Accounting Statement of the AGAR.

e) To note the Notice of the Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return will be Monday 17 June - Friday 26 July 2024.

Resolved: To note the Notice of the Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return will be Monday 17 June - Friday 26 July 2024.

Cllr R Lloyd thanked the Town Clerk and officers for preparing the accounts and commended them on the excellent report received from the internal auditor.

10. Town Centre Regeneration

Proposed by Cllr T Dixon that this Council requests that Buckinghamshire Council to consult fully with Aylesbury Town Council regarding any Regeneration plans for the town. Decisions about Aylesbury should be made with Aylesbury residents and representatives involved before those decisions are released to media outlets.

Cllr Dixon gave an introduction to the motion and councillors had a lengthy discussion.

Cllr T Dixon proposed, Cllr S Bateman seconded the motion.

Cllr M Baldwin requested a recorded vote.

Resolved: On being put to the vote the council voted 14 For, 2 Against as following

Cllr M Baldwin - For

Cllr T Dixon - For

Cllr N Hussain - For

Cllr R Khan - For

Cllr P Koya - For

Cllr N Mehta - For

Cllr S Morgan - For

Cllr D Thompson - Against

Cllr S Bateman - For

Cllr C Hendren - For

Cllr T Hussain - For

Cllr R King - Against

Cllr R Lloyd - For

Cllr A Morgan - For

Cllr A Sherwell - For

Cllr M Willis - For

This Town Council does not recognise the planned improvements to Market Square, Kingsbury, and Cambridge Street as anything more than maintenance of the areas and a change in status from a temporary traffic order to a permanent traffic order.

This Town Council is disappointed at the lack of long-term positive changes to Kingsbury, and Market Square.

This Town Council requests the evidence used in the decision to demolish the Gala Bingo Hall be supplied to the Town Council. This is so that a fully informed decision can be made on the level of support for the new plans by members of Aylesbury Town Council.

11. Buckinghamshire Council Parish Charter

To agree the following motion proposed by Cllr S Bateman:

This Council requests that Buckinghamshire Council engages better with local Councillors, The Full Parish Council (and residents) to gain opinion and input to all key discussions, decisions and draft proposals, as set out in the Parish Charter that affect the Town of Aylesbury. The Clerk and Leader to write to Buckinghamshire Council and BMKALC.

Councillors discussed the motion.

Cllr S Bateman proposed, seconded by Cllr T Dixon to accept the motion and for the Town Clerk and Leader of the Council to write a letter to Buckinghamshire Council and BMKALC.

Cllr M Baldwin asked for a recorded vote.

Resolved: On being put to the vote the council voted 16 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions for the Clerk and Leader to write to Buckinghamshire Council and BMKALC.

Cllr M Baldwin - For

Cllr T Dixon - For

Cllr N Hussain - For

Cllr R Khan - For

Cllr P Koya - For

Cllr N Mehta - For

Cllr S Morgan - For

Cllr D Thompson - For

Cllr S Bateman - For

Cllr C Hendren - For

Cllr T Hussain - For

Cllr R King - For

Cllr R Lloyd - For

Cllr A Morgan - For

Cllr A Sherwell - For

Cllr M Willis - For

Cllr R Khan left the room at 8:28pm and did not return to the room.

12. Outside Body Report

To receive verbal reports from Outside Body representatives.

Aylesbury Garden Town Board, Cllr R Lloyd

The next meeting of the Aylesbury Garden Town Board has been moved until after the elections taking in place in July and a new date is to be confirmed.

No further reports from Outside Body representatives were received.

13. Committees Question Time

- i) **Planning & Licensing Committee** - Cllr M Willis
No questions
- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
No questions
- 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 next meeting of the Council, will be held on Thursday 11 July 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Town Mayor