



**Minutes of the Council Meeting called for Thursday 13 October 2022,
in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury,
HP20 2QP at 7pm**

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

Public session:

The Mayor addressed the member of the public present if they would like to speak.
The member of the public declared they did not want to address the committee.

Present:

In the Chair: Cllr Tim Dixon (Mayor)

Councillors

M. Azam	M. Baldwin	S. Bateman	S. Chapple
N. Hussain	T. Hussain	R. Khan	S. Lambert
R. Lloyd	N. Mehta	W. Raja	A. Sherwell
D. Summers	G. Wadhwa		

Officers: Keith Gray, JP (Town Clerk)
Jane Eden (Planning and Grants Committee Clerk)

1. Apologies of Absence

Cllr C Hendren (Prior Commitment), Cllr A Christensen (Work Commitment),
Cllr D Thompson (Work Commitment), Cllr A Morgan (Illness), Cllr S Morgan
(Illness), Cllr R King (Prior Commitment), Cllr T Hunter Watts (Work Commitment),
Cllr M Winn (family commitment), Cllr M Willis (Illness)

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

2. Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor referred to the list of mayoral engagements previously circulated.

3. Leader's Announcements

The Leader of the Council, Cllr R Lloyd, highlighted a number of activities.

The Christmas Lights are being installed through the Town Centre.

The leader asked all members to reply to the request from the events team for help at this year's new event, Christmas on the Cobble.

The Town Centre Liaison Officer continues to be well received by businesses in the town centre, continuing the importance of support for local town centre initiatives and acting as the contact point for local businesses. The Town Council have fixed their gas and electric price contract for 60 months.

The leader attended the Highways conference and reported that the devolved service contract is proposed to roll over for a further year. Concerns have been raised by parish councils about the increase in costs and parish councils expect to have a meeting to review the agreement and discuss the content of any further agreements with parish councils.

It has been noted that there has been an increase in HS2 tipper lorries using route through the centre of town. It is proposed that CCTV will be used to monitor this.

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 were 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 14 July 2022

Resolved: To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council on 8 September 2022

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: 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 18 July 2022
- b) To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2022
- c) To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 August 2022
- d) To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2022
- e) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2022

ii) Policy Committee - Cllr R Lloyd

- a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2022
- b) To receive any important updates from the chairman following the meeting held on 5 October 2022

- iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr W Raja
 - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2022
- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
 - a) To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2022
 - b) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
 - a) To note that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 October 2022.
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
 - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2022

8. Financial

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 3 (June 2022)
- b) Cash Books for Month 3 (June 2022)
- c) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 4 (July 2022)
- d) Cash Books for Month 4 (July 2022)
- e) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 5 (August 2022)
- f) Cash Books for Month 5 (August 2022)
- g) To receive, note and approve the approved Audit and Governance Report 2021/2022

Councillors are asked to send any questions to officers and/or Cllr Christensen, Chairman of the Finance Committee before the meeting so that any necessary information may be gathered

Resolved: Unanimously, to accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report (Month 3, Month 4 and 5) and Cash Books for Month 3 (June 2022), Month 4 (July 2022), Month 5 (August 2022) and to receive, note and approve the Audit and Governance Report 2021/2022

9. Civility and Respect Pledge

Proposed by Deputy Mayor Cllr S Lambert, seconded by Cllr M Baldwin to pass a resolution to sign up to the civility and respect pledge.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed, that the Town Council should sign the Civility and Respect Pledge.

10. Planning

To agree for the Aylesbury Town Council Leader/Mayor to write to Buckinghamshire Council due to concerns about the backlog in dealing with both planning applications and enforcement investigations, particularly where those delays are related to applications that are "of public benefit".

Cllrs discussed the need to highlight the growing concerns and the adverse effect the backlog is having on the future of Aylesbury residents and those planning applications that give social value to the communities of Aylesbury.

Resolved: Unanimously, that the Mayor and or Leader to write a strongly worded letter to the Buckinghamshire Council Planning department highlighting the concerns of all town councillors in respect of the planning department at Buckinghamshire Council.

11. Outside Body Reports

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

Aylesbury Garden Town

Cllr Lloyd gave feedback from his attendance at the Aylesbury Garden Town Steering Board meeting. Rising costs are having an effect on a number of projects. Work along the canal has been delayed due to a drought notice. Work should resume late February 2023.

The Town Centre bus station has received interim quote for work of a deep clean and painting. A grant has been applied for to level up this area. The Aylesbury Garden Town have enlisted a consultant to give feedback and ideas of the management of the Town Centre. Consultations have taken place with local town businesses and stakeholders. Cllr Baldwin asked a question regarding Aylesbury's Historical Market, expressing concerns at the redundant stalls and level of engagement.

Cllr R Khan left the meeting 7.35pm and did not return to the chamber.

Aylesbury Multicultural Centre

Cllr D Summers advised that the long-standing Chairman to the management committee for the centre, has resigned. The AGM will be taking place in November.

Armed Forces Covenant

Cllr D Summers advised Lord Lieutenant awards are taking place beginning of November. Cllr Sherwell commented how nice it was to see Bucks Uniformed Youth at the County Show.

William Harding Charity Trust

Cllr Bateman advised that the website is nearly ready and that the Trusts logo is now available to be used. Cllr Bateman asked all Councillors to encourage eligible groups and charities within their ward to apply.

ARLA

Cllr Sherwell advised that Arla have appointed a security consultant to help advise with a strategy going forward following the Animal Rights activists protests.

12. Chairs Of Committees Question Time

- i) **Planning & Licensing Committee** - Cllr M Willis
No questions
- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
Cllr Lloyd advised that the new IT provision has been signed off. More detail will follow.

- 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 8 December 2022 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP

To note the Mayor's Remembrance Service will take place on Thursday 10 November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury.

The meeting closed at 7:48pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Town Mayor