



**AYLESBURY**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2022, in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP at 7pm**

Cllr T Dixon, in the absence of the Mayor Cllr A Christensen, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**In the Chair:** Cllr Tim Dixon (Deputy Town Mayor)

<b>Present:</b>	M. Azam	M. Baldwin	S. Bateman	S. Chapple
	T. Hunter-Watts	P. Koya	S. Lambert	A. Morgan
	A. Sherwell	D. Thompson	M. Willis	M. Winn

**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 unanimously accept apologies from Cllr N Mehta (illness), Cllr R King (family commitment), Cllr D Summers (prior commitment), Cllr A Christensen (family commitment), Cllr T Hussain (personal commitment), Cllr N Hussain (personal commitment), Cllr R Khan (personal commitment), Cllr S Morgan (family commitment), Cllr C Hendren (work commitment), Cllr G Wadhwa (personal commitment), Cllr W Raja (work commitment), Cllr R Lloyd (family commitment)

## 2. Mayor's Announcements

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Town Mayor referred members to the list of mayoral engagements which they received in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Dixon attended the reopening of the Discover Bucks Museum. He highlighted the new and improved exhibition space and recommended councillors to visit the museum in the coming months.

### 3. Leader's Announcements

In the absence of the Leader of the Council, Cllr R Lloyd, Cllr T Dixon highlighted the upcoming Aylesbury in Bloom competition and asked Cllr to approach gardeners in their wards to enter and to give them the information cards with the application, which councillors were provided with.

The Freda Roberts Community Award will take place for the first time this year. The Policy committee decided to offer the award to community groups and individuals. The First award will be made at Mayor making in May 2022 and all councillors have been asked to nominate groups or individuals who they feel have made an impact on the community. The Town Clerk will email the application form and criteria to all members and deadline to return the applications is Friday 29 April 2022.

*Cllr S Lambert arrived at 7.04pm*

### 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 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 10 March 2022.

### 6. Matters arising on the Minutes

To receive any reports from the Clerk on additional matters not on the agenda, if applicable. The Town 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 14 March 2022
  - b) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022
  - c) To receive any important updates from the chairman following the meeting held on 11 April 2022.
- ii) **Policy Committee - Cllr R Lloyd**
  - a) To receive any important updates from the chairman following the meeting held on 13 April 2022.
- iii) **Direct Services - Cllr W Raja**
  - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2022.

- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
  - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2022.
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
  - a) To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2022.
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
  - a) To receive the draft Minutes from the meeting held on 9 March 2022.

## 8. Financial

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 11 (February 2022)
- b) Cash Books for Month 11 (February 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.

No questions received or asked on matters relating to the council's finances.

**Resolved:** Unanimously, to accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report and Cash Books for Month 11 (February 2022).

## 9. Outside Body Reports

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

- i) **Arla Liaison Group** - Cllr T Hunter-Watts  
The next meeting is on 8 June 2022
- ii) **Armed Forces Covenant** - Cllr D Summers  
No report
- iii) **Aylesbury Community Board** - Cllr A Sherwell  
Cllr Sherwell advised members that they should have received an email from Aylesbury Community Board with an invitation to their Open Day meeting on Saturday 7 May 2022 at the Southcourt Baptist Church and that it would be good if as many councillors as possible could attend.
- iv) **Aylesbury Garden Town Board** - Cllr R Lloyd  
No report
- v) **Aylesbury Town Twinning Association** - Cllr C Hendren, Cllr G Wadhwa  
No report
- vi) **Aylesbury Vale Multi-Cultural Centre** - Cllr D Summers  
No report
- vii) **Buckinghamshire Council Freight Strategy Group** - Cllr M Willis  
Cllr Willis has not heard from the group or any officers at Buckinghamshire Council for the last 12 months and asked if officers could investigate if the group still exists and meets.

- viii) **The Emans Trust - Cllr N Mehta**  
In the absence of Cllr Mehta, Cllr Sherwell reported that the Eman Trust provides annuities to people on low income and initially set-up to give money to widows of good repute. Recipients receive a quarterly payment which is kept low so it does not affect their benefits. He asked that if councillors know of people in their ward that require some help to refer them to the Eman Trust.
- ix) **Town Centre Partnership - Cllr S Bateman**  
Cllr Bateman advised that the Town Centre Manager, Diana Fawcett, has now left and that there are no further updates regarding the TCP at this point.
- x) **William Harding Charity Trust - Cllr S Bateman**  
The charity is very busy with monthly meetings. Cllr Bateman is on a sub-group to modernise the Trusts website and she represented the charity at the opening of Discover Bucks Museum. For the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary the charity created a statue which is located in the Discover Bucks garden. The charity gives bursaries and funding for school trips and uniforms and provides grants to young people at university or higher education establishments.  
If councillors know of anyone who benefits of the grants please contact Parrot & Coales.

## 10. Chairs Of Committees Question Time

- i) **Planning & Licensing Committee - Cllr M Willis**  
No questions
- ii) **Policy Committee - Cllr R Lloyd**  
Cllr A Morgan asked when the emails will be taken off the website and replaced with the new Contact Your Councillor Form. The clerk advised that work will start after Easter and should be completed within a week.
- iii) **Direct Services - Cllr W Raja**  
No questions
- iii) **Communities Committee - Cllr T Dixon**  
Cllr S Bateman asked what events are upcoming and for which events councillors are required to help. Cllr Dixon advised that the new Sunday Open Mic event starts in May and that help is required for each of the dates. Cllr Summers is putting a rota together for the events and will be in touch with councillors to request their help.  
Cllr Dixon also highlighted that help from councillors is always appreciated at all of the events, especially at Parklife Weekend, as more hands make lighter work.  
Cllr A Morgan, asked if there are plans to have a presence at the Bucks County Show again. Cllr Dixon explained to the show is too close to Parklife Weekend and that when it has been last assessed by the committee it was found that it wasn't beneficial to attend.
- iv) **Grants Committee - Cllr S Morgan**  
No questions
- v) **Finance Committee - Cllr A Christensen**

No questions

**11. Date Of Next Meeting**

To note the next meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Council, will be held on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Town at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP.

*The meeting closed at 7.22pm*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Mayor