



AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting called for Thursday 14 September 2023,
in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5 Church Street, Aylesbury,
HP20 2QP at 7pm**

Present

In the Chair: Cllr Steven Lambert (Mayor)

Councillors

M. Baldwin	S. Bateman	S. Chapple	A. Christensen
T. Dixon	N. Hussain	T. Hussain	R. Khan
R. King	P. Koya	A. Morgan	S. Morgan
A. Sherwell	D. Summers	G. Wadhwa	

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 7pm.

1. Apologies of Absence

Cllr M Azam (prior commitment), Cllr C Hendren (work commitment),
Cllr T Hunter-Watts (work commitment), Cllr R Lloyd (work commitment),
Cllr N Mehta (illness), Cllr W Raja (work commitment), Cllr D Thompson (illness),
Cllr M Willis (family commitment), Cllr M Winn (prior commitment)

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

Resolved: The Mayor suspended Standing Orders at 7:05pm to allow members of the public to speak and ask questions.

A member of the public addressed the council with reference to the Tring Road allotment gardens.

Rob Clarke from Men Can Heal presented to the council about the Men Can Heal group, which meets once a month and gives men a chance to meet, have a chat and share their own experiences regarding their mental health. The group meets at Aylesbury Library on the last Saturday of the month between 9:45am and 10:45am.

Cllr P Koya left the room at 7:40pm and re-entered the room at 7:41pm

The Town Mayor reconvened the meeting under Standing Orders at 7:42pm

2. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported on his engagements during the last couple of months. He thanked the Deputy Town Mayor for assisting him to meet as many groups, community organisations and businesses as possible. A full list of engagements was circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting.

3. Leader's Announcements

In the absence of the Leader of the Council, Cllr Lambert read out a statement from the Leader, Cllr R Lloyd, which summarised the topics discussed at a meeting he and the Deputy Town Clerk had with Cllr Arif Hussain, Cabinet Member for Communities at Buckinghamshire Council, Simon Garwood, and Amy Jenner from Buckinghamshire Council.

The topics discussed included the upkeep and maintenance of recreational facilities for residents, transfer of assets to the Town Council, consultation and collaboration between the Unitary Council and Town Council, the Parish Charter, Parish Liaison Meetings and Aylesbury Community Board.

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 unanimously agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13 July 2023.

Resolved: To unanimously agree as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 27 July 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 17 July 2023.

b) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2023.

- c) To receive any important updates from the meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023.
- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
 - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2023.
- iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr W Raja
 - a) To receive any important updates from the meeting held on Wednesday 13 September 2023.
- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
 - a) To note that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26 September 2023.
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
 - a) To note that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 October 2023.
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen
 - a) To note that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 September 2023.

8. Financial

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 3 (June 2023)
- b) Cash Books for Month 3 (June 2023)
- c) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 4 (July 2023)
- d) Cash Books for Month 4 (July 2023)

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

Resolved: The council unanimously accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Reports June 2023 (month 3) and Cash Books for June 2023 (month 3) and Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Reports July 2023 (month 4) and Cash Books for July 2023 (month 4).

Cllr R Khan left the meeting at 7:50 pm and did not return.

9. Outside Bodies Report

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

Cllr S Bateman, William Harding Trust

Due to the closure of the Parrot & Coal offices the William Harding Trust has moved location to Rickford House, 12 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP20 2RZ.

No further reports from Outside Body representatives were received.

10. Committees Question Time

i) **Planning & Licensing Committee**

Cllr N Hussain asked if the Council could voice its concerns about the continuous traffic congestions in Aylesbury, to Buckinghamshire Council and to Thames Water, who have various temporary traffic lights in place on major arterial roads in Aylesbury.

Proposed by Cllr N Hussain, seconded by Cllr S Lambert

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed to delegate to the Town Clerk to write a letter, on behalf of the Town Council, to Buckinghamshire Council and the CEO of Thames Water expressing the Council's concern about the traffic congestion caused by the works undertaken in and around Aylesbury.

ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr S Lambert

No questions

iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr P Koya

No questions

iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon

Cllr R King thanked the Town Council staff and Councillors for their attendance and work at Parklife Weekend and highlighted what a great event it was.

Cllr S Bateman asked for an update on the Open Mic events and the plans for the Winter Open Mic events. Cllr T Dixon advised that in the winter month the Open Mic events will take place in Friars Square Shopping Centre.

Cllr N Hussain highlighted what a great event Live in the Park was despite the adverse weather. He commended all the council staff who support and work at all the council events.

Cllr T Dixon reminded all councillors that it is important to have volunteers at all the council events to ensure that the events can continue to grow.

Cllr S Lambert - highlighted the importance of attending briefing sessions prior to events if councillors have volunteered and been allocated a formal role.

He also highlighted the great success of Heritage Open Days and thanked the event officer, D. Reynolds for all his work.

v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan

No questions

vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen

No questions

11. Litter in Kingsbury

Councillors received a briefing paper in advance of the meeting outlining the issues experienced in Kingsbury and the request from Buckinghamshire Council.

Cllr S Lambert proposed, Cllr T Dixon seconded

Resolved: The council unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk issues a Personal Victim Statement on behalf of Town Council in respect of a local business continuing to disregard the correct use of public litter bins in Kingsbury and the negative impact this is having on the town centre.

12. Cemetery Toilet Block Renovations

The council to agree the renovation of the toilet block at Tring Road cemetery, as discussed at the Direct Services committee at the meeting on 7 June 2023.

Cllr A Christensen propose, Cllr A Morgan seconded

Resolved: The council unanimously agreed to proceed with the renovation of the toilet block at Tring Road cemetery and the funding to come from Earmarked Reserves and interest received from the CCLA fund.

13. Date Of Next Meeting

To note the next meeting of the Council, will be held on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Town Mayor