



**AYLESBURY**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10 October 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	S. Chapple	A. Christensen
C. Hendren	N. Hussain	T. Hussain	R. Khan BEM
R. King	P.Koya	S.Lambert	R.Lloyd
M. Willis	M. Winn		

**Officers:** Mr Keith Gray (Town Clerk)  
Mr Adil Iftakhar (Deputy Town Clerk)

2 Members of the public in attendance.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr N Mehta (prior commitment), Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts (work commitment), Cllr David Thompson (work commitment), Cllr A Christensen (family commitment), Cllr D Summers (illness), Cllr S Morgan (family commitment), Cllr A Morgan (family commitment), Cllr W Raja (work commitment), Cllr G Wadhwa (work commitment) and Cllr M Azam (illness).

**Resolved:** Council unanimously agreed that the above apologies and reasons be received and accepted for Cllr N Mehta, Cllr Tom Hunter-Watts, Cllr David Thompson, Cllr A Christensen, Cllr D Summers, Cllr S Morgan, Cllr A Morgan, Cllr W Raja, Cllr G Wadhwa and Cllr M Azam.

**2. Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor provided an overview of the many engagements he and the Deputy Mayor attended throughout September. These included visits to ATC events such as Heritage Open day and Aylesbury In Bloom awards. Reminded members to attend Remembrance Sunday as invites have gone out. A full list of the engagements were circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting.

### 3. **Leader's Announcements**

The leader, Cllr Lloyd updated members that he would be attending the upcoming parish liaison and garden town meetings. On this occasion, the Willows Flood defence system was not deployed, following the most recent torrential rain. The leader thanked the Outdoor Maintenance Team Manager for their great work and being on standby for deployment. Cllr Lloyd will attend and input into the inquiry for the review of the flood defence measures at the Willows estate and informed members that the Town Council will be holding a business networking event on the 17 October and all members are invited to attend.

### 4. **Declarations of Interest or 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 12 September 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.

### 7. **Committee Minutes and 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 27 August 2024
  - b) To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2024
  - c) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2024
- ii) **Policy Committee** - Cllr R Lloyd
  - a) To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 July 2024
- iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr W Raja
  - a) To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2024.
- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon
  - a) To receive minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2024
  - b) To receive draft minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2024
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan
  - a) To note that the next meeting will take place on 16 October 2024.

- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen  
To note the meeting of 25 September 2024 was cancelled and the next meeting would be taking place on 13 November 2024.

## 8. **East West Rail**

To deliberate, consider and approve the Town Council to write to East West Rail, MP for Aylesbury and the Secretary of State for Transport and call upon them to commit to providing a timeline for the Aylesbury Spur of the East West rail project.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to write a letter to East West Rail, MP for Aylesbury and the Secretary of State for Transport and call upon them to commit to providing a timeline for the Aylesbury Spur of the East West rail project.

## 9. **Policing Report**

To deliberate, consider and approve the Town Council to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner of Thames Valley Police (TVP) in order to take up the initiative of having a closer working relationship with Town/Parish Councils and invite the TVP officer to future meetings.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to email the Police and Crime Commissioner of Thames Valley Police (TVP) in order to take up the initiative of having a closer working relationship with Town/Parish Councils and invite the TVP officer to future meetings.

## 10. **External Audit Report**

To formally receive and accept the external audit report 2023/24.

**Resolved:** The council unanimously received and accepted the external audit report 2023/24 as presented.

## 11. **Financial**

- a) To accept the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Report to Month 5 (August 2024)
- b) Cash Books for Month 5 (August 2024)

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

**Resolved:** The council unanimously accepted the Cost Centre Budget Monitoring Reports August 2024 (month 5) and Cash Books for August 2024 (month 5).

## 12. **Outside Body Reports**

To receive verbal reports from Outside Body Representatives.

### **William Harding's Chairty, Cllr S Bateman**

Planning consent has been granted for the change of use for Ardley House, Walton Street and the charity is looking to open its doors in January 2025 with the intention of looking after 25-30 young people. The charity also acknowledged the letter received from the Town Council expressing their continued support.

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  
1 Question raised.
- iii) **Direct Services** - Cllr W Raja  
1 Question raised.
- iv) **Communities Committee** - Cllr T Dixon  
No Questions
- v) **Grants Committee** - Cllr S Morgan  
No Questions
- vi) **Finance Committee** - Cllr A Christensen  
No Questions

### 14. Date Of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP.

*The meeting closed at 7:33pm*

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