

CALNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Large Hall on Monday 1 October 2007

PRESENT: Councillor R Golding – Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs M J Baggs – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor D Bland
Councillor C Boase
Councillor Ms H E Canfer
Councillor A Hill
Councillor J R Ireland
Councillor H Marshall
Councillor Mrs J Martin
Councillor Mrs A Pier
Councillor Miss E Pieroux
Councillor Mrs H Plenty
Councillor Mrs C V Ramsay
Councillor Mrs C A Robinson
Councillor D F Short
Councillor A J Trotman
Councillor Mrs A Venton
Councillor P Venton
Councillor C J Viner

IN ATTENDANCE: Sgt M Rees – Wiltshire Constabulary
Ms L Buckland – Gazette & Herald
Rev R Kenway – Mayor’s Chaplain

OFFICERS: Mrs A Kingdon – Town Clerk
Mrs L Roberts – Deputy Town Clerk
Mrs A Cawkwell – Committee Clerk

41/07 PRAYERS

Reverend Bob Kenway gave prayers.

42/07 APOLOGIES

Councillors were in full attendance and therefore no apologies were received

43/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 August 2007, having previously been circulated, were signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.

45/07 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 45.1 *Wire Fence at Wessington and Floral Displays in the town*** – The Town Mayor stated how good it was to receive thank you letters like this. He also stated that he also received comments from the American visitors at September Twinning event remarking on the wonderful floral displays in the town.
- 45.2 *Clearance of the River Marden by Calne Angling Club*** – The information was noted. A thank you letter would be sent to Calne Angling Club for the excellent work they have done.
- 45.3 *Calne Music & Arts Festival*** – It was suggested that a group photograph of Town Councillors could be taken at this time and all Councillors were encouraged to attend the service. A letter would be sent to all Councillors in due course detailing timings etc.
- 45.4 *Calne 'Week of Action'*** - The thank you letter received from North Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership was noted.
- 45.5 *Heart for Calne*** – There is a prayer initiative, 'Heart for Calne', which facilitates prayer on a monthly basis for the town of Calne, and which prays regularly for the Town Council. Councillors were invited to contact them with particular prayer requests for 'Heart for Calne' now or in the future. 'Heart for Calne' is holding two prayer sessions on Wednesday 31 October 2007 (at St Mary's Church from 11am – 12 noon, and at Church House from 5-8pm), for Christians from across the different churches in Calne to come together to pray for a peaceful and safe Halloween under God's protection. Anyone is welcome to join them.
- 45.6 *Family Welfare Association, Mill Race Centre, Open Day*** – There will be an open day on the 30th October between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm. The day will give people in the community the opportunity to see what the centre provides and view some of the service users' work and staff and service users will be available to talk to visitors.
- 45.7 *Calne & District Twinning Association*** – The Town Mayor read out a letter which had been received from Calne & District Twinning Association thanking the Town Council and the Town Clerk for making the Twinning guests feel very welcome and for the assistance given by the Town Council.
- 45.8 *Calne Town Council Firework Night – Saturday 3 November 2007*** – Plans are underway for an evening which promises to be exciting and entertaining. Members were asked to support this event by volunteering to act as Marshals. Anyone able to help should contact the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk.

46/07 POLICING IN CALNE

46.1 Police Report

Sergeant Mark Rees' report was noted by members and the following points were raised:

- The Dispersal order has now been approved in time for Halloween.
- The Town Clerk informed that a meeting had been held to arrange diversionary activities for this evening. Jennings fair had been arranged for Halloween from 4pm – 9pm on the Market Place. Final approval is awaited from North Wilts District Council for use of their land.
- Other diversionary activities are also being planned with Calne Community Safety Partnership.
- Discussions are currently taking place concerning the positioning of a mobile police station near to the fair.
- Neighbourhood tasking group meeting letters had been sent to all Councillors, this would be a useful discussion point for any problems in the Wards.

The Town Mayor thanked Sergeant Rees for his attendance at the meeting.

46.2 Resident's Complaint Concerning Anti-Social Behaviour

When a member of the public is aggrieved so much to write in like this, there is a necessity to provide a service and this needs to be taken seriously. It is always worth reporting this type of grievance to a lawyer as there is an action at law of failing to provide a service like this. The Town Mayor informed that no further correspondence had been received concerning this issue.

47/07 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

47.1 County Councillor Mrs N Bryant had given her apologies for this meeting. Councillor A J Trotman informed members there is a possibility of interim cabinet being set up prior to the unitary authority coming into being, with 4 Cabinet members and the 4 Leaders from the District Council leading up to an election in 2009.

48/07 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

48.1 The following points were raised by District Councillors:

- A previous decision to alternate weekly waste collections has been rescinded and alternating weekly waste collections will not now take place.
- The next Area 5 Committee meeting will take place on 9 October in the Town Hall.
- An Executive Meeting will be held on 4 October to discuss Phelps Parade – any Town Councillor is able to attend.
- The recommendation is to put Woolworths where Kwik Save was.
- It is hoped to get this completed as quickly as possible before unitary authority which could delay the project.

- Various issues still need to be addressed within the unitary system, grants, liaison with Town and Parish councils, Forums to meet and for elected members to meet and discuss issues. There is one year for this to be formulated and anyone with strong views should inform Councillor Mrs Ramsay.
- There was concern at the amount of social housing included in the plans for Phelps Parade, however, it was explained that there is a high number in the first phase, but the second phase has 50% and then it is reduced to 30%. There would then be no further requirement for social housing.
- Thanks were expressed to North Wilts District Council for change of heart on the rubbish collections.
- The Town Clerk highlighted that the elections for the new council would need to take place at the same time as the unitary elections. Town Council members may have to stand for re-election in 2009, 2 years earlier than normal rules.

49/07 COMMITTEE MINUTES

49.1 Planning and Economic Regeneration Committee

It was proposed by Councillor A J Trotman, seconded by Councillor D F Short and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Committee held on 23 July 2007 be noted and approved.

49.2 Amenities Committee

It was proposed by Councillor C J Viner, seconded by Councillor D A Bland and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 23 July 2007 and the meeting held on 3 September 2007 be noted and approved.

49.2.1 Beversbrook – Draft User Agreement

It was proposed by Councillor D A Bland, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Draft User Agreement between Calne Town Council and Calne Cricket Club be approved.

49.3 Policy & Resources Committee

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs M J Baggs, seconded by Councillor C M Boase and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 17 September 2007 be noted and approved.

49.4 Development Control Committee

It was proposed by Councillor J Ireland, seconded by Councillor P A Venton and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Development Control Committee meetings held on 10 July 2007, 24 July 2007, 7 August 2007, 21 August 2007, 4 September 2007 and 18 September 2007 be noted and approved

49.5 Town Events Working Group Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 8 August 2007 and 12 September 2007 were noted

50/07 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

50.1 North Wilts Citizens Advice Bureau

It was proposed by Councillor A J Trotman, seconded by Councillor J Ireland and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to include £2,000 in the 2008/9 budget for North Wilts Citizens Advice Bureau.

50.2 One Council for Wiltshire

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor A J Trotman and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to form a One Council Working Group and the following members would sit on this working group: The Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor J Ireland, Councillor C J Viner, Councillor Mrs C V Ramsey and Councillor C M Boase.

During discussion the following points were raised by members:

- Members not on this working group are still able to attend the meetings and participate in discussions.
- There may be task groups from this working group so there is plenty of scope to get involved.
- There is a need for continuity and commitment so working group members will be required to attend all meetings.
- This working group would report back to Full Council.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor and

RESOLVED that the current Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs Linda Roberts, and Councillor J Ireland should attend the series of meetings for Town and Parish Councils to discuss various issues relating to 'One Council for Wiltshire'. When Mrs Roberts takes over at Town Clerk, she will continue to attend meetings on behalf of the Town Council on this matter.

51/07 ACCOUNTS

51.1 Accounts Paid

The Accounts Schedules dated 5 July 2007, page 704, 6 July 2007, pages 705-710, 13 July 2007, page 711, 19 July 2007, pages 714-717, 19 July 2007, pages 718 (Beverbrook), 31 July 2007 (Petty Cash), 2 August 2007, pages 721-723, 8 August 2007, pages 724-726, 30 August 2007, pages 727-731, 30 August 2007, page 732 (Beverbrook), 31 August 2007 (Petty Cash), 6 September 2007 (Manual Cheque), 13 September 2007 (Manual Cheque), 17 September 2007 (Manual Cheque), 24 September 2007 (Manual Cheque) were noted and approved.

52/07 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

52.1 Calne Access For All Group – Minutes of the meetings held on 18 June 2007 and 13 August 2007 were noted.

52.2 Calne Heritage Centre – Minutes of the meetings held on 19 June 2007, 22 August 2007 and 19 September 2007 were noted.

52.3 Castlefields Canal and River Park Association – Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2007 were noted.

52.4 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – Newsletter for July 2007 was noted.

53/07 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was

RESOLVED that in view of the Confidential Nature of the business about to be transacted, that the public and press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.