



STONEHOUSE **TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of the Town Council HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present: Councillors Gwen Atkinson, Leigh Binns, John Callinan, Deborah Curtis, Neil Gibbs, Tim Jackson, Carol Kambites (Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor), Gary Powell, Theresa Watt (Chairman/Town Mayor)

Also present: Town Clerk/RFO, Andrew Beamish & Mike Towson (Stroud District Council) District Councillors Chris Brine & Mattie Ross, Mr. Atkinson

TC1928 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Amor and Councillor Swain
Apologies were received from County Councillor Lesley Williams

TC1929 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

TC1930 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 11th September 2017

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Callinan
All in favour

TC1931 To meet the new Neighbourhood Warden Andrew Beamish

Andrew Beamish introduced himself, he has a background in the Fire & Rescue Service and has been working in a warden position in Dursley & Cam. The work is split over two shifts 8am - 4pm and 1pm - 9pm and involves a great deal of training. Wardens occasionally work on Saturdays to help with community events. Andrew looks forward to helping the community of Stonehouse and surrounding parishes.

TC1932 To receive the gift of a painting of the Town Hall kindly donated by Mr. Atkinson

Mr Atkinson presented a painting depicting the town hall and high street in celebration of the Stonehouse In Bloom Gold Award.

TC1933 To receive and request reports from County/District Councillors

District Council car park charges - The Town Council has raised some questions. Cllr Ross explained it was an officer decision to increase charges. The minimum charge of 20p will rise to 40p with almost immediate effect. The Town Council requested Mr Towson to make enquiries as to whether the rise could be delayed until after the cabling works in April 2018. At the same time the results of a consultation on charging other free car parks might be available and the Town Council hopes that there will be parity in charging.

Cllr Ross reported that the District Council progressing well with housing schemes despite lack of funding.

Count Councillor Williams had provided a written report on a meeting regarding work for the lengthsman.

TC1934 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel of 25th September 2017

The Minutes were noted. Cllr Callinan was concerned that 8 applications had been decided by delegated authority. Cllr Kambites suggested that the Panel considers meeting more regularly.

TC1935 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee Meeting of 25th September 2017 and consider any Resolutions requested

The Minutes were noted including:

K2/523 Highway Issues (a decision for the Committee to make)

K2/533 Discussion day (internal conference arranged)

TC1936 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee Meeting of 2nd October 2017 and consider any Resolutions requested

The Minutes were noted.

In response to a query from Cllr Callinan the clerk confirmed that K3/545 refers to ground leases.

TC1937 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Meeting of 9th October 2017 and consider any Resolutions requested

The Minutes were noted.

K1/423 Resolution required to agree Option C layout of Town Hall premises and discuss next stage of negotiations

Proposed by Cllr Kambites, seconded by Cllr Atkinson, that Option C drawing is accepted as a concept drawing to enable the progress of financial assessment, subject to refinement of the layout of the Town Council space in accordance with the consultation comments. Building Facilities Working Group are to progress the financial package for final consideration by the Town Council.

In favour of the proposal: Cllr Binns, Callinan, Curtis, Gibbs, Jackson, Watt

Abstained: Cllr Powell

TC1938 Councillor Vacancies

Further applications will be considered at the meeting on 4th December 2017

TC1939 Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mattie Ross mentioned that Cotswold Boatmobility would be launching their new boat this week and wanted to commend the volunteers who contributed their time to this community venture.

TC1940 To receive reports from the Chair of Town Council/Town Councillors

To receive a Report of a meeting held at Wharfedale and to agree expenditure from SECTA - Cllr Kambites explained the actions discussed at a site meeting on 13th

October. There was a possibility of opening up the site to the canal by fencing in the play equipment rather than the whole area. A fingerpost sign from the canal to the town could be provided at a cost of £450. Proposed Cllr Powell, seconded Cllr Atkinson that this would be met from SECTA funding.

In favour of the proposal: Cllrs. Watt, Curtis, Jackson, Binns, Kambites

Abstained: Cllr Callinan, Cllr Gibbs

Cllr Kambites reported that she had attended the AGM of the Citizens Advice Bureau and was very impressed with the work carried out locally.

Cllr Callinan reported in his capacity as a member of the GAPTC Executive Committee that he was sure that there was much knowledge and experience to be gained from other large councils and he would make regular reports.

TC1941 UBB Power Cable

Correspondence with Glos County Council: Response to FOI questions:

The response was noted.

Update from Western Power:

The update was noted. Councillors were concerned that there had been major disruption to the A419 and town centre during works at Horsetrough roundabout. An official complaint would be sent by the Town Clerk to Western Power/GCC.

Monthly meetings with Western Power have been arranged and commence with a meeting on the 1st November.

Council to consider suggestions for compensation and agree a way forward:

Cllr Curtis proposed, Cllr Powell seconded that immediate compensation in the form of a period of free carparking, contributions towards Christmas lights/In Bloom be requested. This was agreed by majority vote.

Cllr Callinan advised the Council to be mindful of the £25000 per annum fund available and to ensure that Stonehouse is included in the funding Group. Clerk to obtain written confirmation.

TC1942 Finance

- 1. To agree payments due October - Payments to date £18103.04 were proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Callinan, all in favour**
- 2. To receive budget reports to date from all three Committees
Budget reports for the first six months of the financial year were received and noted.**

TC1943 Neighbourhood Plan

- 1. To receive a report on progress and Town Council's role re NDP after the referendum.**

The report was noted and comment was made on the confusion which arose due to conflicting advice on the referendum process.

- 2. To receive the minutes of the NDP Working Group of 21st September 2017**

The Minutes were noted

TC1944 Information

- 1. Receive Minutes of the Chartered Parishes Group - The Minutes were noted**
- 2. Arrangements for Remembrance Day Parade - The arrangements would be checked as the timings seemed to be wrong.**

TC1945 Date of Next Meeting

4 December 2017
