



**Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
held Friday 1st November 2024
at the Town Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Councillors: John Callinan, Keren Capeling, Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs, Carol Kambites, Simon MacGregor, Gary Powell, Val Randell and Keith Terry and Theresa Watt (vice Chair of Council).

In Attendance: Carlos Novoth, Town Clerk.

Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of the meeting could be filmed photographed or recorded.

- TC3326 To receive apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Keith Creighton, Stephen Hunter, Madelaine Maraboli-Roman and Gary Powell
- TC3327 To receive declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- TC3328 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting of 1st Nov 2024**
Council **APPROVED** the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting
- TC3329 To approve the purchase of tables and gazebos for use at community events**
Prior to the start of the meeting, Cllr Keren Capeling showed councillors how easy it was to erect a standard 3M by 3M Gazebo and foldaway table that she had been using at the town market. There was concern about the gazebo being too big for some of the Goodwill stall locations and the overall weight of the gazebo. It was suggested that should the council purchase Gazebos, they ought to be no bigger than 2.5M by 2.5M.

The meeting commenced with an overview of the position the town council had been placed in following the late decision by the stall provider not to meet its commitment to the town council's Goodwill event. Whilst it was recognised that this presented a significant barrier to the event, Councillors were adamant that the event should still go

ahead. Options considered included: Not having stalls/Gazebos; Having limited stalls; Suggesting stallholders bring their own stalls including Gazebos; Using the Community Centre and a large tent at the Memorial Green for stall holders. The option of purchasing Gazebos and tables too was considered but questions were raised about the number required, the quality of the gazebos considered for purchase, their size, cost of maintenance, storage etc.

The main discussion however was focussed on who would be erecting and dismantling the stalls should the council wish to purchase them; it was highlighted that particularly in recent years, there were too few helpers at the event and that organisers were too over-stretched.

Councillor John Callinan left the meeting 7.25pm

It was felt that there remained adequate time to consider further options before the council would be required to make a final decision on a way forward. It was agreed that a further extra ordinary town council meeting would be held on Friday 8th November by which time Councillors and Officers will be able to report on the following actions:

- To contact stall holders wanting to attend Goodwill and determine whether they were able to provide their own Gazebo and table
- Ask community groups whether they would be able to help with the erection and dismantling of the stalls - ie Wycliffe school, The Door, Wessex Cadets, Football club
- To undertake further research on the cost, quality and deliverability of 2.5M by 2.5M Gazebos and foldaway tables
- For the Clerk to arrange a further Extra ordinary Town Council meeting for Friday 8th November at 7pm.

TC3330 To note the council's next town full town council meeting on 8th Nov '24
Council **NOTED** the date of the next meeting

