

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 23RD APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Councillor K. Dooley (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
M. Blackburn
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
L. Sorrell

8203. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Cole, F.V. Nash (conference) and C. McLaughlin (recovering from stroke) were received and acknowledged but not approved.

8204. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

8205. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

8206. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 5th March 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8207. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman observed that he had no reports to make on any activities or engagements.

8208. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 9th April 2018 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

8209. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 9th April 2018 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved

8210. ACCOUNTS PAID, PETTY CASH PAYMENTS, MONTHLY EMPLOYEE COSTS AND BANK TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid, petty cash payments, bank transfers and monthly employee costs as submitted be approved

8211. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Allen briefly reported that St. Leonard's Day Centre had now been formally wound up as a charitable body.

Councillor Hinsley reported on various matters raised at a meeting of the Solihull Area Committee of WALC

8212. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE

The Clerk submitted the Council's standing orders to be reviewed and an additional schedule which he advised was designed to personalise the standing orders to the Council and provide further information in a simple format

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow the Clerk to cross reference the various items in the additional schedule for clarification

8213. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S BASIC RISK REGISTER

The Clerk submitted a basic register outlining the risks facing the Council and the action taken to remove, reduce or manage the various risks. The review forms part of the assurances to be given by the Council as part of the annual governance statement.

RESOLVED that the contents of the risk register and the details of the action taken be approved

8214 REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATED RECOMMENDATIONS

The Clerk submitted a report setting out his understanding of the current terms of reference of the committees and making recommendations for the future.

RESOLVED i) that the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee be dissolved
ii) that the Finance and General Purposes Committee assume the responsibilities of the EHR Committee
iii) that the FGP Committee comprise twelve members and meet seven times a year
iv) that applications for co-option to the Council be considered by the full council in future
v) that no changes be made to the appeals committee and the Fordbridge Prize sub-committee
vi) that a separate review of the terms of reference of the Staffing Committee be undertaken

8215. CONFIRMATION OF THE ACTION TAKEN IN RESPECT OF CANCELLATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2018

The Clerk reported that the unfortunate and unprecedented decision had been taken to cancel this year's Charity Dance due to slow ticket sales and a concern that if the event were to go ahead it would accrue a financial loss. The decision had been unanimous as no objections had been raised to the Clerk's email recommending cancellation

RESOLVED that the Council unanimously formally approve the decision to cancel the Chairman's Charity Dance 2018 for the reason set out above

8216. CONSIDERATION OF A RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN