



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th JUNE 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE GUILDHALL BEWDLEY

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs A Coleman (Mayor)
Councillor Mr J Beeson
Councillor Mrs L Candlin
Councillor Mr S Clee
Councillor Mr R Coleman
Councillor Mrs C Edginton-White
Councillor Mr P Edmundson
Councillor Miss M Fishwick
Councillor Mr P Harrison
Councillor Mr D Killingworth
Councillor Mr G Yarranton

In attendance: Louisa Coleman – Young Mayor
Melbryn Kruff-Welton – Deputy Young Mayor
Mr Nick Farress – Town Clerk
Mr Kyle Daisley – Community Engagement Officer
Mr David Moore - Treasurer

At the beginning of the Meeting, there was a one minute silence held to reflect on the two recent terrorist atrocities in Manchester and London.

- 8463 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllrs Byng and Mrs Davies, District Councillors Becky Vale and Rod Wilson and County Councillor Ian Hardiman.
- 8464 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
- 8465 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS**
None
- 8466 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS & MONTHLY REPORT**
The Mayor reported that she had attended a number of civic services and mayor making ceremonies since taking Office, including Bridgnorth and Kidderminster. Colleagues had attended other ceremonies in the Mayor's absence. The Mayor went on to thank all her Councillor colleagues for their support up to and following her election to the Office of Mayor.
- The Young Mayor, Louisa Coleman, also gave her first report to the Council which included information about how she came to be elected as Young Mayor via the school's Youth Forum, and what she hoped to achieve in her Mayoral year.

- 8467** **MINUTES**
AGREED
(i) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 2nd May 2017 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Mayor.
(ii) That the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on the 12th May 2017 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Mayor.

- 8468** **ACCOUNTS**
The Council considered the revised schedule of accounts and payments for May 2017 drawn up by the Treasurer, together with the balances held at Unity Bank, Cambridge Building Society, Scottish Widows and HM Revenue & Customs and the current budgetary position as to income and expenditure for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st May 2017.

- AGREED**
(i) that the revised schedule of accounts be approved and signed by the Mayor with authority thereby given for the requisite cheques to be drawn;
(ii) that the cash balances be noted as follows:
- with Unity Bank current account of £82,750.87
 - with Unity Bank deposit account of £10, 552.85
 - with Scottish Widows deposit account of £30,252.29
 - with Cambridge Building Society saver account of £30,000.00
 - with HMRC (VAT) of £5,835.99
- (iii) that the reconciliation statement be noted;
(iv) that the Council's income and expenditure for the current financial year from 1st April 2017 to 31st May 2017 be noted.

- 8469** **ANNUAL RETURN 2016/2017 GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**
The Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017 was presented to Councillors.

AGREED
That the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

- 8470** **ANNUAL RETURN 2016/2017 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**
The Annual Financial Return and Internal Auditor's Report for the 2016/2017 accounts were presented to Councillors.

AGREED
(i) That the Annual Financial Return be approved for submission to the external auditor and signed by the Mayor;
(ii) That the report of the Internal Auditor be noted.

- 8471** **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Councillor Candlin presented the Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on the 15th May 2017.

AGREED
That the Minutes be accepted and actions noted.

- 8472** **CORRESPONDENCE**
Letters from County Councillor Ian Hardiman and 1st Bewdley Rainbows were noted.

- 8473** **ADMINISTRATION MATTERS AND DIARY DATES**
The Town Clerk brought the following administrative matters and diary dates to the attention of the Council:
(i) 8th June, 6.30pm Planning Committee

- (ii) 10th June, Carnival and Town Council firework display, 10.30pm
- (iii) 12th June, 7.00pm Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- (iv) 19th June, 6.30pm Policy and Resources Committee
- (v) 25th June, Mayor's Sunday, St Anne's Church (Churches Together service led by Bewdley Baptist Church)
- (vi) 3rd July, 7.00pm Council
- (vii) 5th July, 6.30pm Planning Committee (WEDNESDAY)

The meeting was closed at 7.28pm

Signed.....
Mayor
3rd July 2017

Town Council Meeting - Public Period

Questions raised by members of the public

Penny Griffiths of Dog Lane raised a concern about overgrown grass at the riverside by Dog Lane car park. The Town Clerk agreed to bring this to the attention of WFDC.

Mrs White and Mr Blount of Bewdley raised an issue with the new height barriers that had been installed at the entrance to both long stay car parks in Bewdley. This means that people with motorhomes or larger vehicles cannot use the long stay parking facilities. It was agreed that a meeting of the Community Development Committee would be called to discuss this issue in more detail as there was some division in the town about the height barriers.

Mr Ken Smith of Gardners Meadow raised a concern about the CCTV cameras not being operational in the public car park. He had already been in contact with WFDC but the Town Clerk agreed to write to WFDC to ask when this matter would be dealt with. Mr Smith also said that the residents of Gardners Meadow fully supported the height barriers following the recent incursion of travellers on the site.

Mr Rod Stanczyszyn asked why the vehicle activated sign had been removed from Cleobury Road. The school crossing patrol lights are also on late at night on Cleobury Road. Mr Stanczyszyn also asked whether some vehicle volume surveys could be undertaken on Welch Gate. The Mayor advised that Cllr Roger Coleman was currently working on a report for town council on this issue and invited Mr Stanczyszyn to make contact with him.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

There were none.

District and County Councillor Reports

There were no verbal reports, but both District and County Councillor Becky Vale and County Councillor Ian Hardiman both submitted written reports which were circulated to Members and noted.