



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING **HELD ON 8th MAY 2018 AT 7.00PM IN THE GUILDHALL BEWDLEY**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs A Coleman (Mayor)
Councillor Mr J Byng
Councillor Mrs L Candlin
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: Nick Farress – Town Clerk
Kyle Daisley – Community Engagement Officer
PC Steve Thomas
4 Members of the Public

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Liz Davies, Stephen Clee, John Beeson, and Roger Coleman. Young Mayor Louisa Coleman, County Councillor Ian Hardiman and District Councillor Rod Wilson.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Byng declared a Pecuniary Interest in Minute 8594 (payment of salaries) as his wife is a Council employee. Councillor Byng did not vote on this item.

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COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

None

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MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS & MONTHLY REPORT

The Mayor congratulated the newly elected District Councillors and welcomed Cllr Nick Harris to the meeting. The Mayor said that the Town Council looks forward to working with them in the future. The Mayor also extended her thanks to the Riverside Elim Church for welcoming the Town Council to their special service on St George's Sunday. On Bank holiday Monday, the Mayor presented a cheque to the Friends of Riverside North Park for £850.

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MINUTES AGREED

That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2018 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Mayor.

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ACCOUNTS

The Council considered the revised schedule of accounts and payments for April 2018 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 2018 to 30th April 2018.

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 £ £81,908.06
- with Unity Bank deposit account of £10,564.60
- with Scottish Widows deposit account of £30,252.29
- with Cambridge Building Society saver account of £30,000.00
- with HMRC (VAT) of £ £16,620.17

(iii) that the reconciliation statement be noted;

(iv) that the Council's income and expenditure for the current financial year from 1st April 2018 to 30th April 2018 be noted.

8595 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(i) The draft Minutes of a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 16th April 2018 were noted.

(ii) It was **AGREED** to adopt the new NALC model Standing Orders as recommended by the Committee.

8596 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 4th April were noted.

8597 PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

A report from Councillor Davies on the activities of the PPG was noted.

8598 TOGETHER GROUP

Councillor Byng gave a short report of the successes of the Together Group and asking for volunteers to help operate the Group.

8599 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from Wyre Forest CAB, Bewdley Cricket Club, Wyre Community Land Trust and Bewdley Festival to thank the Council for community grants. These letters were noted by Council.

8600 ADMINISTRATION MATTERS AND DIARY DATES

(i) 11th May, 7pm Mayor Making, Guildhall

(ii) 21st May, 2pm Town Plan Working Group, Guildhall

(iii) 21st May, 6pm, Community Development Committee, Guildhall

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan Consultation until 4th June, please complete the survey and encourage participation! www.beinbewdley.org

The meeting was closed at 7.44pm

Signed.....

Mayor

Meeting of the Town Council – 4th June 2018

Town Council Meeting - Public Period

Questions raised by members of the public

Issues raised by members of the public were:

- Lack of recycling banks in the car parks;
- Rubbish on Severnside North over bank holiday weekend;
- Cock and Magpie new benches blocking pavement on Severnside North;
- New Load Street car park and compliments to contractor, Montel;
- Green space next to Load St car park – steps from upper car park and bench seating around the tree.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports

PC Steve Thomas had circulated contact numbers for himself and the SNT for discussing local policing issues. All emergency calls should still go via 101 or 999. There has been a slight spike in shoplifting, having been 6 incidents in the last month.

District and County Councillor Reports and Questions

County and District Councillor Vale addressed the following issues:

- Highway safety issues in Bewdley with County Council Leader Cllr Geraghty, in particular Yew Tree Lane, Dowles Road and Welch Gate;
- Fly tipping at Ribbesford;
- Land at the end of the new car park (behind the Fire Station);
- Bridge repairs are in hand.

District Councillor Nick Harris addressed the following issues:

- Thanked the electorate for voting him in as the District Councillor for Bewdley and Rock;
- Green spaces at Laxton Drive and Derwent Drive;
- Litter over the bank holiday. Lessons will be learned as WFDC did not have enough resources to cope with the situation.