

RWBTC/6/2018-2019

14th February 2019

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7.30pm at Manor House, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Rob Anstee, David Bowler, Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Mike Farrow, Janet Georgiou, Paul Heaphy, Nic Hughes, Sue Hughes, Mike Leighfield, Eve Silvester, Jenny Stratton, Marion Sweet, Steve Walls and Steve Watts.

Also in attendance: Councillor Chris Hurst and 7 members of the public.

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Kalpesh Patel, Accountant, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager, Naomi Coleman, Administrative Assistant, Josh Toll, Community Project Officer and Dave Williams, CCTV Supervisor.

QUESTION TIME

Tom Patterson asked the Council for permission to crowd fund for the Stone Poppy and to get the community on board.

Leslie Landsdown asked for the outcome of the Stone Poppy consultation.

Richard Hignett asked if there was a proposal for the Stone Poppy.

71. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Caroline Redmond.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2012.

RESOLVED to note that no Declarations of Interest were received.

73. WRITTEN REPORTS

Written reports were submitted by the following;

- Wiltshire Police
- James Gray MP
- Wiltshire Councillor – Chris Hurst
- Area Board representatives

Councillor Nic Hughes gave an update of the St Bartholomew's & All Saints school expansion proposal. It has been confirmed that the investment is worth 1.6 million. They wish to increase parking spaces into the expansion but are concerned about the parking in and around the school at pick up and drop off times.

74. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13th December 2018 [RWBTC/5/2018-2019]. Copy previously circulated.

75. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor has attended many events since the last Council meeting. December was very hectic but a very enjoyable build up to Christmas.

Recently attended the RWB Academy Beauty and The Beast production which was fantastic and many more events to attend.

76. TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

There were no questions received either with or without notice received under Standing Orders.

77. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the report on a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 10th January 2019 [P/5/2018-2019] copy previously circulated.

78. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the report on a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 10th January 2019 [A/5/2018-2019], copy previously circulated.

79. REVENUE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note that in the absence of any substantive items of business, the Town Clerk and the Chairman, Councillor Mike Leighfield decided to cancel the meeting of Revenue and Resources committee scheduled for Thursday 24th January 2019.

80. NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Marion Sweet and seconded by Councillor Steve Walls.

“Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to provide ongoing monitoring and support as the point of contact for the Defibrillator located on the Post Office wall in Boroughfields Royal Wootton Bassett”.

Councillor Sweet provided the additional following information.

A defibrillator – which can restart the heart in the case of a cardiac arrest – was unveiled on the wall opposite the town's war memorial after pupils at Noremarsh Junior School managed to raise £2,000 in donations.

Post office proprietor Ashwin Patel and his family agreed to have the defibrillator on their outside wall and to carry out the regular maintenance checks on behalf of the community.

The automated external defibrillator (AED) is available for use 24 hours a day and is secured in a lurid yellow, vandal resistant box which can only be opened with a special combination code provided by an emergency services operator via 999.

Noremarsh Junior School have been the liaison point with the Defibrillator provider since installation.

This motion is linked to a request to the Rotary Club of Royal Wootton Bassett Town for funding to support the life cycle of the Defibrillator.

The Defibrillator which has been used approximately 6 times since installation requires replacement of 2 units (£50 each) following use, together with an annual running cost of approximately £100.

Noremarsh Junior would appreciate Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council taking the management role for the Defibrillator.

RESOLVED that Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to provide ongoing monitoring and support as the point of contact for the Defibrillator located on the Post Office wall in Boroughfields Royal Wootton Bassett.

81. POCKET PARK WORKING PARTY

Members received a report from Joshua Toll, Community Project Officer, on the meeting held on Tuesday 18th December 2018, copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED to note the report and members thanked Josh for his work so far.

82. CCTV ANNUAL REPORT

Members received the Annual CCTV report from Dave Williams, CCTV Supervisor, copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED to note the report and members passed on a vote of thanks to Dave and his team of volunteers.

83. NOMINATION OF MAYOR ELECT

It is normal practice at the February Council Meeting in a non-election year to nominate a Mayor Elect for the forthcoming year. Election years are excluded as it is not clear whether the Mayor Elect would retain their seat at the May Election, or if the political composition of the Council might change.

The advantage of nominating a Mayor Elect is that it not only allows the incoming Mayor to plan their diary but also provides forewarning for those clubs, groups and organisations wishing to invite the Mayor to attend functions.

It is now the practice of the Council, confirmed in its Standing Orders, that the Deputy Mayor should normally become the Mayor.

The Council was therefore asked to consider nominating the Deputy Mayor Councillor Steve Watts as Mayor Elect for the forthcoming Civic Year. Proposed by Councillor Steve Bucknell and seconded by Councillor Sue Hughes.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Watts be nominated as Mayor Elect for the forthcoming civic year.

84. NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT

The Council was asked to nominate a Deputy Mayor Elect for the forthcoming Civic Year.

Councillor Paul Heaphy proposed Councillor Nic Hughes which was seconded by Councillor Steve Watts.

Councillor Steve Walls proposed Councillor Marion Sweet, seconded by Councillor David Bowler.

RESOLVED to nominate Councillor Nic Hughes as Deputy Mayor Elect for the forthcoming civic year.

85. STONE POPPY

Report from Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk. Copy previously circulated.

The Town Clerk gave a short summary of the findings from the Stone Poppy consultation, in which 67 residents replied back to the article in the Community Magazine, which is distributed to all 5000 houses in the Town. The conclusion is three-fold made up of the following:

- residents want to see some form Poppy
- residents do not want this to fall on their Council Tax
- The low response indicates that whilst this is an important issue to some, it is not a priority for the overwhelming majority of residents.

Tom Patterson was present and suggested the community take this project forward and that he would take the ownership of crowd funding.

It was RESOLVED to accept the kind offer from Tom Patterson and refer this back to the community to establish a committee for the project. The Council to offer Councillors Rob Anstee, Marion Sweet and Steve Watts to serve on the committee and invite the group to report their proposals back to the Council for its consideration, noting Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council own the land and accordingly have an interest in public safety.

86. DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Members received a report from Joshua Toll, Community Project Officer. Copy previously circulated.

It was RESOLVED to indicate to Wiltshire Council a clear appetite for running devolved services and set up a Working Party to include Councillors Mike Leighfield, David Bowler, Marion Sweet and Community Project Officer, Joshua Toll, to start a discussion on the list provided.

87. COMMUNICATIONS

The Council was asked whether it wishes to issue any press releases or other communications in respect of the committee agenda items.

RESOLVED to issue the following communications:

- Stone Poppy update
- The success of the CCTV suite

88. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee was asked that members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting to allow discussion of the establishment, property and finance matters as it is considered the publicity would be prejudicial by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Meeting closed at 9.43pm