

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TETBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Held in the Council Chamber, Tetbury on Monday 25th March 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Chairman: Councillor S Ball (Mayor)

Councillors: P Burrell, J Easterbrook, S Hirst, N Ind, I Maslin, R McCorkell, S Mitchell, C Morgan, K Painter (Deputy Mayor), J Turton, A Walsh and J Williams

Officers: Town Clerk – Stephen Holley, Deputy Clerk – Tara Niblett

Public: Three members of the public

TC01. 03/19 Apologies for Absence:

Received from Councillors Creed and Monks.

TC02. 03/19 Declarations of Interest:

None

TC03. 03/19 Public Consultation:

A resident informed the Council that the U3A self-help organisation for retired or semi-retired people to share educational, creative and leisure facilities was planning to launch in Tetbury. A launch party would take place at the Goods Shed on 8th May 2019.

TC04. 03/19 Minutes of the Council held 25th February 2019:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2019 were APPROVED as a correct record. Record of Voting: For - 13, Against – 0, Abstention – 0, Absent/Apologies – 2.

TC05. 03/19 Progress Reports:

Town Centre CCTV – The pilot scheme with one CCTV camera and one ANPR camera had been installed on a lamp-post outside the Post Office to allow the Council to assess the value of a larger scheme.

TC06. 03/19 Mayor and Town Clerk reports:

Mayors report – The Council had arranged a number of drop-in surgeries for residents thinking about becoming a Town Councillor in the forthcoming Elections. D-Day celebrations were moving forward. Discussions were in hand to promote a Tetbury Clean-up Day.

Town Clerks report – Four public access defibrillators had been ordered for installation at the Goods Shed, the Recreation Ground, St Marys Centre and the Football Clubhouse at Preston Park. Three defibrillator and first aid training sessions had been arranged in April, with more likely in May or June. A full page advertisement had been placed in the Advertiser showing the location of all public access defibrillators in the town, and promoting the training. A three month fixed term deposit account had been opened for the Dolphins Hall S106 monies.

TC07. 03/19 Committee and Working Group reports:

Noted.

TC08. 03/19 Police Report for February 2019:

There had been 12 substantiated crimes in February, compared to 10 in February 2018. Councillors expressed concerns about the drug issue in town and the Town Clerk was requested to contact the Police to arrange a meeting to discuss these concerns and to explain to the Council what they were doing about drug issues within the County.

TC09. 03/19 Update from Feoffees, Dolphins Hall, Rail Lands Trust:

Feoffees – Mr Will Cook reported that painting the Market House would commence from 23rd April, traffic lights would be in place from 9am to 5pm. The work would be completed before Woolsack Day.

Dolphins Hall – Mr Steve Scott reported that the Management Committee had applied to Sport England for £150,000; the decision was expected within eight weeks. The

Management Committee was processing feedback from its recent public consultation events.

Rail Lands – Mr Cook explained that recent fundraising events had nearly raised all of the £43,000 cost of the piano, and he thanked various organisations for the new defibrillator to be installed on the Good Shed.

TC10. 03/19 Tetbury Spring Clean:

Councillor Turton explained that he was contacting various organisations within the town to see if they would like to participate in a 'Spring Clean' project. He asked Councillors to recommend areas in Tetbury for attention.

TC11. 03/19 D-Day Event:

Councillor McCorkell provided an overview of the plan to join the national celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. The organising committee hoped to provide a series of displays at the Goods Shed and at the Malthouse on Saturday 8th June 2019, hopefully with a 1940s themed supper and a swing band.

TC12. 03/19 Revised Grant Policy:

The Town Clerk presented the Finance and Scrutiny Committee's recommendation that the Council's Grants for 2019/20 be applied for in two windows, 1st – 30th June and 1st – 30th November. No other funding would be issued outside these windows unless the Council agreed that important town activities would not happen without its help. The Council unanimously APPROVED the proposed Policy and Process and determined that the maximum figure for the Finance and Scrutiny Committee to determine minor grants would revert to £500.

TC13. 03/19 Policy for the organised use of the Council's Open Spaces and Buildings:

It was explained that the Heritage and Regeneration Committee and the Finance the Scrutiny Committee had both considered different aspects of the proposed Policy and associated documents. Both Committees have recommended that the Council not apply a charge for the use of its buildings, land and open spaces by the community. A number of minor amendments were made to the draft Policies and associated documents. Copies would be sent to the Dolphins Hall Management Committee for their information. Unanimously APPROVED.

TC14. 03/19 Arrangements for the Annual Town Meeting – 10th April 2019:

The Council noted the arrangements. In view of complaints received in previous years Committee Chairs and other representatives would no longer read verbatim their reports, copies of which had already been provided to every household through the Tetbury Advertiser.

TC15. 03/19 Correspondence:

None

TC16. 03/19 Reports from County, District and Town Councillors:

County Councillor Hirst – The County Council budget for 2019/20 totalled £429.6million and Council tax will be increased by 4.99% overall. This year's budget provided every Councillor with £25,000 of local funding to invest in repairing and upgrading roads and footpaths in their division.

District Councillor Hirst – The District Council had increased its share of the Council Tax by 2%, it was within the top five planning authorities for providing new and affordable homes, the Local Plan had finally been approved, and the Cotswolds had been voted seventh best place to live in England.

Councillor McCorkell – Advised that he would be starting his research into the Council's accounts that week.

Councillor Burrell – Thanked the Council for the new picnic benches on the Recreation Ground and also the recent Health and Safety repairs on the play equipment.

Councillor Walsh – Would resume work on the Emergency Plan shortly.

Councillor Maslin – Requested further information about Lorry Watch, advised that the Highways Working Group was looking into carrying out a tube survey to ascertain how many vehicles travel through Tetbury at the cost of £150.

TC17. 03/19 Items for inclusion on future agendas:

Action Plan 2018/19, Budget 2019/20, Staffing review

TC18. 03/19 Date of next meeting of the Council – Monday 29th April 2019, 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chair Dated