

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Dursley Library, May Lane, Dursley** at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 23rd January 2018.

PRESENT

Councillors: S Abraham, W Thomas, M Woodward, M Nicholson.

In Attendance: John Kay, Town Clerk.

Absent: Cllr W Paice.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair Cllr W Thomas assumed the role of Chair for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Ball, J Burdge, A Sheffield & N Grecian (personal).

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations were received.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Improvements Committee held on Tuesday 17th October 2017, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

In the absence of the Chair there was no report.

7. CASTLE STREET: IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk provided an update on the following projects:

- a) Cotswold Stone Wall – The Town Clerk had written twice to the registered owner but no response was received. It is not possible to progress this project without permission from the land owner.
- b) Decorative Railings – This project has been passed to the Project Officer to progress and it is anticipated that railings will be installed by the end of March 2018.

9. TOURISM

- a) The Deputy Clerk provide an update from the recent networking group event at Berkeley Castle on the 13th December 2017 - at least 40 people attended, with the Town Council represented by Cllr Ackroyd and the Deputy Clerk. The venue was provided free and many new contacts were made.

The Steering Group are continuing to produce/promote and eating/drinking map of the area but are experiencing a lack of numbers within the group.

Dursley Town Council are due to review their level of administration support for the group in February 2018 with the next Steering Group meeting scheduled for this time.

- b) It was noted that a meeting will be held on 19th January 2018 to discuss a Visitor Information Centre.

10. PANCAKE RACE 2018

- a) This year’s annual race will be held on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February 2018. This year the race is scheduled during the half-term holidays and the Town Council would like to encourage young people to join in this event.
- b) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that this year’s beneficiary for the sponsorship funds would be Festive Dursley, with funds to be directed to new festive lights at the Town Hall.

11. GRIT BINS

The committee considered the locations requested by residents for additional grit bins in the town, along with the guidance and comment from Gloucestershire County Council/Amey on each location. It was noted that the Town Council could only supply a grit bin with the support of the GCC/Amey or it would not be filled.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Committee would supply two new grit bins, one to be located at Cedar Drive and one at Whiteway Close/Rangers Avenue.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Committee could not authorise a grit bin at Parsons Close or Lister Street as these locations did not obtain approval from GCC/Amey.

IT WAS AGREED that the Committee would like to provide an additional grit bin for residents of the Olive Grove area but the paths are too narrow to accommodate a grit bin.

The Committee would not authorise a publicly accessible grit bin to be located within a private property. The Town Clerk was requested to contact GCC/Amey to enquire if an additional bin could be provided at Beechwood Rise to increase the capacity of grit for this area of the town.

The meeting was closed at 6:50pm.

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Chairman

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Date