

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

## **DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Community Meeting Room, Fire Station, Kingshill Road, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

Action Summary:

10834.5 Issue award letter and payment to Churches Together Urgent Grant

10834.4 Issue award letter for Revenue Grants to Dursley Male Voice Choir

### **PRESENT**

Cllr S Ackroyd (Mayor)

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), S Creswick, A Stennett, P Hayes, T White, L Patrick, W Thomas, N Grecian, T Kinnison, M Nicholson and T Stride.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk and Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk.

Absent: Cllrs D Horn, D Savvidou.

### **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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Apologies were received from Councillors J Rubin, D Cornell and M Stennett (all personal).

### **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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The Mayor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as recipient of expenses re (agenda 7 (i), minute 10830(i)).

The Deputy Mayor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as recipient of expenses re (agenda 7 (i), minute 10830(i)).

Cllr A Stennett declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Dursley Male Voice Choir (agenda Item 11.4, minute 10834.4).

### **REPRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

10826

Stroud District Councillor Loraine Patrick requested that Dursley Town Council highlight on the website the Community Governance review in the Dursley Parish was not considering any boundary changes but was reviewing the number of Town Councillors in comparison to number of residents.

County Councillor Thomas had provided a written report which would be circulated following the meeting.

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In summary, Councillor Thomas highlighted that design plans for the B4066 Frocester Hill junction had been shared with adjacent parishes but she would forward to the Town Clerk. Cllr Thomas has asked the Highways Manager why there is a delay on the drainage issues at the bottom of Long Street.

There is some good news with the replacement service for Bristol Community Transport's 62 bus to Berkeley and Bristol; after requests from Cllr Thomas and members of the public, there is now an early bus that leaves Dursley at 6.50am, calling into Cam & Dursley Railway Station, enabling riders to get to Bristol by 9am.

Cllr Hayes repeated his ongoing concerns over the lack of drain (gully) cleaning in Kingshill Road, May Lane, Bolton Lane and Silver Street and recent flooding.

#### UPDATE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

10827

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the recent Applefest event at the Chantry Centre.

To celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary, two benches had been installed on the War Memorial Recreation Ground and Twinberrow Woods. The bench located at Twinberrow was also recognised as a memorial bench for Mr Mike Doughty. The Mayor attended the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary Rotary dinner.

The Mayor reminded Councillors to muster at Dursley Bus Station at 2:15pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November for the annual remembrance parade.

#### REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### MINUTES

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The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

#### BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

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##### Council's accounts for the financial year 2022/23:

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments since the last Council meeting be authorised and signed by the Deputy Mayor.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be authorised and signed by the Mayor.
- (iii) The income received since the last Council meeting was noted.

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- (iv) The updated expenditure summary report was noted. The Town Clerk confirmed the IT budget (code 160) was overspent due to the Councils approval of replacing the office laptops.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10831

10831.1 To receive the Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

10831.2 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

In the absence of the Chair there were no matters to report.

10831.3 To receive an update on Tourism matters.

**IT WAS AGREED** to delay the update till later in the meeting when the Deputy Clerk was present.

10831.4 To note the annual Festive Light Switch On event will be held from 4pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

It was noted that the annual Festive Light Switch On event will be held from 4pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Councillors were encouraged to attend/volunteer.

GREEN SPACES

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10832.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

10832.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair reported that the combined basketball/goal end had been completed at the War Memorial Recreation Ground. We are awaiting a date for the planned installations at Kingshill Play Area. The boiler at the pavilion will be replaced on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

PLANNING

10833

10833.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

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10833.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10834

10834.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

10834.2 Report of the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

10834.3 To receive any Councillor reports or attendance at meetings.

Councillor White reported that he had visited Rednock School to discuss a Youth Pride Committee and to set up a safe LGBT space outside of school. A joint fundraising event for Pride/The Door is being planned.

Councillor Hayes requested an update on the Dursley Garage planning application from Stroud District Council, commenting on the poor condition of the building.

10834.4 To consider the Revenue Grant from Dursley Male Voice Choir

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award a grant of £2,000 for one year which would be paid in May/June 2023. The Choir would be invited to re-apply for future years. Cllr Stennett abstained.

10834.5 To consider the Urgent Grant from Church Together in Cam and Dursley

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award a grant of £200.

10834.6 Annual Remembrance Service

It was noted the annual Remembrance Parade will commence at 2:45pm on Sunday 13th November 2022.

10834.7 Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to confirm the recommendation of the committee and approve the revisions of the revised Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

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10835

To receive an update on Tourism matters

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that Tourism Angles had been selected as the preferred provider for the Stroud Market Town Council’s Tourism Brief Project. A Halloween trail was currently live with the planned Vintage and Pre-Loved trail scheduled to go live later in November.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10836

10836.1 To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on the 25th October 2022

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

10836.2 Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

CLERK’S REPORT

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The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that Council would meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the draft three-year budget and that a meeting of the Staff Committee would be required in December to discuss staff wages and pay levels.

Councillors were requested to attend the wreath laying at 11am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the War Memorial Recreation Ground. The plaque has received maintenance works and looks very good.

Following the school half term, staff levels are now at full capacity.

INSPECTIONS

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The scheduled Councillor inspections and checks for November and December 2022 were noted.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date