

5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Community Meeting Room at the Fire Station, Kingshill Road, Castle, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

### Action Summary:

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| 9637.2 | The Town Clerk to inform the secretary of Cainscross FC that we are unable to grant permission for them to play home games at the WMRG in 2016/17. | 9639.4 | The Town Clerk to ask Cllr Nelmes (absent) if she would be willing to review this document based on her prior experience of the Community Plan. |
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### PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian, Deputy Mayor

Councillors: J Ball, J Burdge, B Cairns, S Creswick, B Marsh, S Abraham, S Ackroyd, L Patrick, A Sheffield, A Stennett & W Thomas.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; District Councillors A Hayward, D Cornell; County Councillor S Lydon.

### TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 9630

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors C Nelmes (business), M Nicholson, F Firth, P Hayes, M Laybourne (all personal).

### MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 9631

Councillor Ball declared an interest in agenda item 7.1 (i), minute item 9636.1, as an employee of the Community Association.  
Councillor Creswick declared an interest in agenda item 8.3, minute item 9637.3, as a member of the Dursley in Bloom committee.

### REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 9632

No requests for dispensations were received.

### COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS 9633

#### County Councillors' Reports

Councillor Lydon summarised his written report circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It included a reminder that a time capsule will be buried tomorrow

(6<sup>th</sup> July) at The Pulse (formerly Dursley Pool) at 10am to which Town Councillors are invited. It was commented that the travellers who had been located in Sainsbury's car-park moved out of the town on Saturday morning. Cllr Lydon placed his gratitude to the professional manner GCC and SDC have acted on this issue at a number of different locations across Stroud District.

Cllr Lydon was made aware of a meeting to discuss the Cam & Dursley Transport Plan on the 21<sup>st</sup> July to which the Town Clerk will forward the details to Cllr Lydon.

#### District Councillors Reports

Councillor Cornell referred to her written report which will be issued to Town Councillors after the meeting. Cllr Cornell commented that SDC had released a statement on the recent referendum and that SDC would continue work in the best interests of the district. Cllr Cornell provided an update on the Strategy & Resource committee, Cll levy and the recent planning application at 80 Woodmancote, all of which are included in her report.

Cllr Marsh asked for a comment on the recent report which recommended the closure and sale of some of the sheltered housing complex at Cambridge House in 2020.

Cllr Cornell reported that there was a significant time before any closure, this provided time to carry out the tried and tested process of reallocation for existing residents who would receive priority and have one to one interviews to establish their preferences for future housing needs etc.

Cllr Marsh responded to state that it was important Dursley retains sheltered housing and that this should be added to a future council agenda.

Cllr Hayward referred to her written report and highlighted that the first meeting of the Community Services and Licensing committee following the election took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. The main points were to discuss the work plan for the coming year and appointments to outside bodies.

The new Waste and Recycling contract comes in to place this month with Ubico taking over though there will be no visible changes to householders.

The large recycling units have been removed from the Carpark next to the Kingshill Pub their use was declining and the recycling they collected is that that can be collected from the kerbside, the smaller containers will remain.

It was noted Cllr Friar had submitted a written report which had been distributed to Town Councillors.

#### REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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There were no representations from the public.

MINUTES

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The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and the were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

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9636.1 Council's Accounts 2016/2017

Cllr Ball left the meeting

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments be authorised and signed by the Mayor.

Cllr Ball returned to the meeting

- (ii) Income received since the last Council meeting was noted.
- (iii) The monthly management/budget report was noted.

GREEN SPACES

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9637.1 Report of the Chairman of the Green Spaces Committee

Cllr Stennett reported that CCTV on the WMRG and the town centre would be considered at Green Spaces committee on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. The works on the football shed are planned to commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> July for two weeks and that the allotment waiting list has been reduced by the Deputy Clerk, the exercise was nearing completion with the final number of people waiting for an allotment expected to be in single figures. Finally, the rowing machine (recently vandalised) had been taken from site for repair by our contractor.

9637.2 Cainscross FC request to play games at the WMRG.

The report prepared by the Deputy Clerk and the recommendations of the Town Clerk were considered during a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of permitting an additional team play on the WMRG.

It was proposed and seconded to accept the recommendation not to take the booking at the current time but to investigate further the Clerks recommendations to be able to confirm the booking at a later date. This proposal was voted with 3 for and 10 against.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the request from Cainscross FC should be rejected on the basis of the safeguarding of young children given that the Dursley Girls team play at the WMRG on Sunday's and use the facilities in the pavilion and the potential threat to the condition of the football pitch with three teams playing their

home fixtures on the WMRG. The proposal was approved with 10 voting for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

9637.3 Request from Dursley in Bloom to cut the WMRG Hedge

The Town Clerk updated Council that it was not able to flail cut the hedge at this time of the year due to bird nesting season. Hand pruning is permitted so long as the hedge is checked in advance for any signs of bird nests. The Community Payback team have commenced cutting the hedge and will continue to cut back as much as possible prior to the judging date at the end of July. This will include the top of the hedge that is reachable from ground level.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

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9382.1 Report of the Chairman of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

There were no matters to report.

9382.2 Update from the 2016 Town Festival

The Town Clerk provided an update on the festival including the completion of 65 questionnaires on traffic and parking matters within the town centre. The Town Clerk further reported that the existing festival committee had resigned shortly after this year's festival and a meeting was being held at 10am on the 9<sup>th</sup> July in the Kings Head for persons interested in forming a new committee and planning the 2017 festival. Cllr Burdge volunteered to attend the meeting.

PLANNING

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9638.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the Minutes

9638.2 Report of the Chairman of the Planning Committee

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

POLICY AND FINANCE

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9639.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the Minutes.

9639.2 Report by the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee

There were no matters to report.

9639.3 Castle Street Telephone Kiosk

The decision to adopt the kiosk was noted by Council.

9639.4 To appoint a representative to review the Cam & Dursley Community Plan.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** for the Town Clerk to ask Cllr Nelmes (absent) if she would be willing to review this document based on her prior experience of the Community Plan.

9639.5 Councillors' Reports

- (i) **Dursley United Charities** (12/5/16) – Cllr Ball provided an update on the role of this group including the type and number of grants awarded by the group. Cllr Ball wasn't present at the meeting but informed Council that Michael Couzins has been appointed Chair.
- (ii) **Dursley Business Inclusive** (9/6/16) – The group discussed the town leaflet, parking and the upcoming Town Festival including the usage of Castle Street car-park.
- (iii) **Dursley in Bloom** (13&27/6/16) – Cllr Creswick reported that plant expenditure was higher this year as replacement plants for some of the planters had been required plus the seasonal planting. Community Payback have been clearing weed in areas of the town within the judging route and the group had new people participating which has helped this year. Cllr Creswick stressed the importance that the top of the WMRG hedge is also hand cut.
- (iv) **Future Dursley** (15/6/16) – Cllr Thomas reported that Place Studio presented their template for the NDP and that group members were allocated projects to complete for September.
- (v) **Castle Street Carpark** (16/6/16) – The Town Clerk provided an update on the Castle Street Carpark which had previously been provided to Councillors.
- (vi) **Vibe Users Group** (28/6/16) – Cllr Creswick attended the group and reported that those present reported updates from their organisations and ongoing issues within Cam and Dursley. It was noted the high usage of "legal high" canisters on the WMRG and that a joint press release with the local Neighbourhood Police and the Town Council had been released with reference to recent legislative changes.
- (vii) **Youth Centre Management Committee** (30/6/16) – The Town Clerk reported that the AGM was held and officers appointed for the following year. Annual reports were produced for the Vibe and the accounts by the Town Clerk and it was noted that private bookings had been down recently. It was agreed at the meeting to do a press release on The Vibe and include the Annual Report to raise awareness of the venue and its facilities.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

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9640.1 Report by the Chairman of the Staff Committee

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There were no matters to report.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS 9640

9640.1 To receive a report from Council's Highway Representative

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

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY 9641

9641.1 To receive a report from the Council's Police Representative

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

9641.2 To receive a report from the Local Neighbourhood Police Representative

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

CLERK'S REPORT 9642

The Clerk's report was noted.

MONTHLY AREA INSPECTIONS AND AUDIT CHECKS 9643

Details of Councillors scheduled to undertake area inspections and audit checks for July & August 2016 were noted.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

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Town Mayor

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