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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 3rd July 2018.

Action Summary:

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| 10059.4 | Town Clerk to arrange grant payment from Rednock Band Trust Fund. | 10059.5 | Town Clerk to draft & send response to SDC Car Park Charging consultation. |
| 10059.6 | Town Clerk to inform Nailsworth Town Council of our decision re legal challenge. | | |

PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian, Mayor

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), A Stennett, S Abraham J Ball, S Creswick, B Cairns, P Hayes, A Whitwell, L Patrick, W Paice & M Nicholson.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk, Leah Wellings, Deputy Clerk and SDC Director of Community Services, Joanne Jordan; Head of Community Services, Mike Hammond and Mr Bruce Davies, representing Cotswold Edge Brass Festival/Cam Junior Band.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10046

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Thomas, J Burdge, S Ackroyd, A Sheffield, M Stennett, (all personal).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10047

There were no declarations of interest from members.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 10048

There were no requests for dispensations.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10049

Cllr Patrick reported that her allocation of Councillor funds for Highways improvements was fully subscribed, but funding was still available for youth activities. Cllr Patrick is currently considering funding a few Play Ranger events across her electoral area which would include one free play day in Dursley.

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A proposal by the Green Party to reduce grass cutting on roadside verges except for visibility/safety areas will be consulted on.

Cllr Hayes requested that cuttings from flailing works by the County Council be removed, however it was suspected that this removal would be cost prohibitive.

It was noted apologies had been received from SDC Councillor Cornell.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

10050

Mr Bruce Davies, representing Cotswold Edge Brass Festival and Cam Junior (Learners) Band was in attendance to answer any questions relating to agenda item 12.6 (minute 10059.4) and the request for funds held in trust for dissolved Rednock Band. Mr Davies was advised to contact the County Councillor for Cam regarding the "Growing our Community" funding allocation.

IT WAS RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 16.2 as PC Peter Lay was in attendance.

DURSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM UPDATE

10051

PC Peter Lay provided Council with a report including information on water saving tips, provided by the Chief Constable on his role of Chair of the Local Resilience Forum, there has been a huge surge in demand for water during this warm weather period. Examples of reduction include turning off taps, reduce time spent in showers, only water gardens at night when the sun has gone down, don't wash cars.

PC Lay acknowledge that Dursley had seen significant levels of Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) in the first half of 2018. The ASB incidents have been reduced and an instrumental factor was the removal (from Dursley) of the "ring leader" of the small group of young people. PC Lay acknowledged the support of David Drew MP, Dursley Business Inclusive and Cllr Nicholson during this period. Several individuals involved will be appearing in court later this month in relation to the ASB incidents that occurred earlier this year.

PC Lay has asked for help from the public to only contact the local neighbourhood team with police matters due to officer shortages. The public are asked to report non-policing matters to local councils, other organisations e.g. DVLA for car tax enquiries; housing or neighbourly disputes to Stroud District Council etc, parking matters to Gloucestershire County Council etc.

It was recorded that Dursley Police station is not open to the public and there is no reception facility, the public should use 101 to record non-urgent matters or email the police control room.

Finally, there is a current police message about the dangers of swimming in unrestricted waters, the public should not consider swimming in private ponds, secluded water courses etc.

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PC Lay was thanked for his extensive involvement in dealing with the ASB in the town. **IT WAS AGREED** that Cllr Nicholson and PC Lay would discuss the matter of “boy racing” in Woodmancote to see if the Speedwatch group could assist the police with regular monitoring.

PC Lay commented that three fixed cameras in Kingswood Parish had recorded speeds over 70mph in village and was a good example of Parish Councils/Police working together. Private CCTV footage would be helpful if any incidents to either identify the vehicle or the driver.

The Mayor thanked PC Lay for attending. Cllr Patrick left the meeting.

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL: CONSULTATION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARK CHARGING IN DURSLEY 10052

The Mayor invited SDC Director of Community Services, Joanne Jordan; Head of Community Services, Mike Hammond to provide an update on the ongoing consultation.

The consultation period ends on the 29th July which includes a statutory period (9th -29th July) but SDC voluntarily agreed to a six-week consultation.

SDC would like a formal response from the Town Council but also encourage individual responses from Councillors and other interested parties. Analysis of the responses will take place during August/September with a recommendation being presented to the Strategy & Resources Committee on the 4th October 2018 where the committee members will decide.

An overview of the proposals included: charging introduced in SDC car parks between 8am -5pm, parking would remain free outside of these times, this is in-line with Painswick, Stonehouse and Stroud, one designated car park would be “free after 3pm”, SDC will increase cycle facilities to encourage other forms of transport, this will include electric charge points (not Dursley), customers of The Pulse will have 2 hours free parking.

Consultant “ARUP” have provided a review of existing car parks which show the occupancy levels of parking in Dursley is high, with not enough turn around in parked vehicles.

The Councillors had the opportunity to then ask questions on the proposal.

Q1 – What measures will be introduced to prevent a migration to Sainsbury’s? The Manager at Sainsbury’s has been consulted and they are going to monitor the situation and consider their actions in due course.

Q2 – Can weight limits be changed? Yes all requests considered – please include this type of request within your comments to the consultation.

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Q3 – What allowances are made for people who work in the town and need to park? Permits will be available via the MI Permit system

Q4 – Could all car parks be free for the first 30mins? Although not included in the proposal – please include this type of request within your comments to the consultation.

Q5 – The view from the public is this is a done deal and the decision should be made by the full Council not a Committee? SDC constitution permits this decision to be made by the S&R committee, they have the option to refer to Council. SDC have voluntarily agreed to a longer than statutory required consultation period, no decisions have been made.

Q6 – Do SDC staff have to pay? Yes - all staff would be expected to pay, there are no exclusions other than the public who use the facilities of The Pulse. This would be monitored to ensure the system is not being abused.

Q7 – What happens to revenue raised? The revenue would be used to maintain the car parks, any surplus would be part of the budget setting process.

The Mayor thanked Joanne and Mike for attending.

PC Lay, Mike Hammond and Joanne Jordan left the meeting.

MINUTES 10053

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th June 2018 were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10054

Council's Accounts for 2018/19

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments made to be authorised and signed by the Mayor.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation be authorised and signed by the Mayor.
- (iii) The income received was noted.
- (iv) The management/budget report was noted. The clerk confirmed the precept was paid in two instalments, only one of which has been received.

GREEN SPACES 10056

10056.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meetings held on 8th May and 12th June 2018.

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IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meetings.

10056.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10057

10057.1 To receive the Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee Meeting held on 8th May 2018.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meetings.

10057.2 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

In the absence of the Chair there was no report.

10057.3 CCTV Project: Maintenance Agreement

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the revised terms of the Maintenance Agreement for the CCTV system as discussed at Council in June 2018.

10057.4 CCTV Project: Update

The Town Clerk advised the Council that the Town Improvements Committee would be reviewing the draft CCTV policy documents on 10th July 2018 and Council would be asked to consider the recommendation of the Committee at the August meeting of Council.

Redhand Ltd would be commencing installation works on the week commencing 9th July 2018 with agreements in place with Western Power and Npower for the MPAN agreement and power supply.

PLANNING

10058

10058.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 8th May and 19th June 2018

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meetings.

10058.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

In the absence of the Chair there was no report.

10058.3 Update on Future Dursley (Neighbourhood Development Plan)

The Town Clerk confirmed that a summary of the Regulation 16 version of the NDP was now available on the Town Council website. The independent examiner report needs to be with Stroud District Council in time for the

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Environment Committee meeting on 13th September, otherwise the date will slip back to December 2018. The timing of the referendum is dependent on this. The six-week Regulation 16 statutory consultation is ongoing and due to finish on 27th July 2018.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10059

10059.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meetings held on 8th May and 19th June 2018

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meetings.

10059.2 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

IT WAS RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 12.6 and suspend Standing Orders.

10059.4 Funding Request: Rednock Band Trust Fund

Mr Bruce Davies introduced himself and provided a summary of the Cotswold Edge Brass Festival/Cam Junior Band. The funding request is to secure new instruments allowing the band to grow.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

IT WAS RESOLVED to agree to the recommendation of the remaining trustees and award a grant of £4,000 from the Rednock Band Trust Fund.

Mr Davies left the meeting.

10059.5 SDC Car Park Charging: Dursley Town Council's Response

The Councillors considered the information provided previously during tonight's meeting, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of losing free car parking in the town. Councillors discussed the option of using ANPR cameras and enforcing those who break the waiting times rather than introducing blanket charging. The Councillors considered the decision-making process used by SDC for this important matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Council would reply to the consultation that while it accepts local government funding is challenging, the introduction of parking charges has the potential to harm the local economy and there would be detrimental displacement to both Sainsbury's car-park and to local residential streets near the town centre.

The Town Council would insist that the consultation and officer's recommendation be considered by the Strategy & Resource Committee, but any final decision be made at a meeting of full Stroud District Council. This will

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allow cross party scrutiny of the final recommendation and a more transparent decision-making process.

Dursley Town Council would request that alternatives to charging be considered as part of this consultation, the Council would prefer to see an ANPR system introduced within public carparks in Dursley, which could effectively enforce current restrictions but retain free car parking in the town.

The Town Council would request that in the situation that car park charging is introduced in Dursley that the "free after three" initiative be extended to all car parks in the town and the first half hour of parking remain outside of any charges so as not to discourage those collecting ordered goods or making very short visits to local businesses.

The resolution was passed with one abstention (Cllr Cairns).

10059.6 SDC Car Park Charging: Response to Nailsworth Town Council

IT WAS RESOLVED that Dursley Town Council was not able to support the request to financially support the planned legal challenge by Nailsworth Town Council due to a lack of information on the challenge and no confirmation of any legal advice received.

10059.7 General Data Protection Regulations: Briefing Session

It was noted that there will be a Councillors briefing session on the General Data Protection Regulation held at 7pm on Tuesday 14th August 2018 and that Cam Parish Councillors have been invited to attend.

BUSINESS RELATING TO CAR PARK

10060

10060.1 To receive the Minutes of the Car Park Committee Meeting held on 6th June 2018

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10060.2 Report of the Chair of the Car Park Committee

In the absence of the Chair there was no report.

10060.3 To receive a project update.

The Town Clerk updated Council that service disconnections had taken place and that Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd had taken control of the site on 2nd July 2018 and are aiming to complete demolition in the next three weeks. The tender for the construction phase is now live, has been sent to local companies and added to the Contracts Finder website. Closing date in 20th July 2018, with the aim to appoint our construction phase contractor in early August.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10061

10060.1 To receive the Minutes of the Staff Committee Meeting held on 8th May 2018

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10061.2 Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair reported that the use of the new weekly time sheets and inspection checklists for the grounds staff had commenced and had been positively received.

HIGHWAYS

10062

To receive a report from Council's Highways Representative

Cllr Hayes had nothing to report.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

10063

Cllr Nicholson reported that there had been an altercation on the War Memorial Recreation Ground which resulted in the police attending on 22nd June and the following day drugs, Stanley knife and cannisters were found by a member of the public, unfortunately they were not reported to or handed into the police. Cllr Nicholson and the Town Clerk highlighted this "find" to the police.

Speedwatch has met a few times this summer, due to Cllr Nicholson's business commitments the deputy co-ordinator is running the sessions. Volunteers are being reminded that accuracy of recorded information is vital.

CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk's report was noted.

INSPECTIONS

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The inspections for July and August were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

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Town Mayor

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