

4th December 2018

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, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 4th December 2018.

Action Summary:

PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian, Mayor

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), A Sheffield, L Patrick, J Ball, S Creswick, A Stennett, S Abraham, W Thomas, M Stennett, P Hayes & Adrian Whitwell.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk, Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk and two members of the public representing the Vale Hospital Community Allotment project.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Burdge (personal), T Arnold (business), S Ackroyd (personal), M Nicholson (business) and B Cairns (personal).

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Hayes back to Council following his recent accident.

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Cllr Ball declared a pecuniary interest as an employee of the Dursley & District Community Centre for minute 10150.4 (Agenda Item 7.iv) and a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the League of Friends at Vale Hospital for minute 10148 (Agenda Item 11.2).

Cllr Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest as her partner in a director of the Allotment Project at Vale Hospital; minute 10148 (Agenda Item 11.2).

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

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There were no requests for dispensations.

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REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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The Town Clerk summarised the report provided and issued to Councillors before the meeting from Stroud District Councillor Cornell. It included an update on the new SDC Chief Executive, Market Towns Initiative fund, business/residents' surveys, tourism and waste management issues in the Lower Kingshill ward.

Cllr Patrick confirmed that she had attended the recent meeting in the Lower Kingshill ward and the fly tipped waste would be removed soon, with some of it requiring specialist operators.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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There were no representations from the public.

REVENUE GRANT REQUEST – VALE HOSPITAL ALLOTMENTS

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IT WAS AGREED to bring this agenda item forward. The Town Clerk reminded the Councillors that this request had been previously considered by the Policy & Finance committee, but further information had been requested and was included in the meeting paperwork.

The members of the allotment committee responded to enquiries on funds set aside for evaluation and management of the project. They also provide an update on other successful grants. It was confirmed that the grant request was for 2019/20 only.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award the grant request of £2,760 to the Vale Community Hospital Allotment Project for 2019/20. Cllrs Ball and A Stennett abstained.

The members of the public left the meeting.

MINUTES

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The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20th November 2018 were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

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Council's Accounts for 2018/19

10150.1 The Town Clerk confirmed the reason for the PAYE/Pension contribution payments being shown on two codes, confirmed the location of the wall at the War Memorial Recreation Ground, explained the reason for the repair at St James Church, consultant charges and the payment to ALCC.

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IT WAS RESOLVED that the Mayor would sign the schedule of payments.

10150.2 The Town Clerk confirmed that the bank reconciliation was now balanced.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Mayor would sign the bank reconciliation.

10150.3 The income received since the last Council meeting was noted.

10150.4 The management/budget report was noted.

GREEN SPACES

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Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

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10152.1 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

In the absence of the Chair, there was nothing to report.

10152.2 Festive Dursley Event 2018

The Deputy Mayor reported that the event had been very successful and well attended. Those who had helped on the day were thanked and there were photographs of the event on the Gazette website. There has been an electrical problem with the globes on the Town Hall and our contractor has ordered some new connections, it is expected the lights will be back on in a few days' time.

PLANNING

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10153.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th December 2018

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10153.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

In the absence of the Chair, there was nothing to report.

POLICY AND FINANCE

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10154.1 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

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10154.2 Urgent Grant Request from Transition Cam & Dursley

IT WAS RESOLVED to award a grant of £498 towards room hire (£168), Training (£150) and Banners (£180). Cllrs Abraham, Thomas and Stennett abstained.

10154.3 To receive reports from the following meetings:

- (i) **Dursley Business Inclusive** (8/11/18) – The group received updates on Festive Dursley, Dursley Welcomes Walkers and Durzelnet (shop radio) scheme.
- (ii) **Youth Service Quarterly Review** (22/11/18) – Attendances are down at both Vibe and Cam Woodfields Youth centres. The Door Youth Project are actively canvassing local school and events to increase members.
- (iii) **Youth Centre Management Committee** (22/11/18) – This was the delayed AGM and officers were appointed for the next year. The proposed hire by Community Mentoring & Support was discussed including a room requirement within the Tabernacle Church building.
- (iv) **The Door Youth Project Award Evening** (27/11/18) – The Mayor & Deputy Mayor attended the event, with some local young people and PC Peter Lay people receiving awards.
- (v) **Kingshill House Ltd** (29/11/18) – The Mayor attend the AGM, with officers and directors appointed. There remains no confirmed date of the asset transfer from Stroud District Council.
- (vi) **Vibe Users Group** (4/12/18) – Another poorly attended meeting, with updates from Rednock School, The Door Youth Project, SDC Youth Forum and ConnectAT.

It was noted that two proposed meetings with young people currently banned from the youth centre were not held on the 4th December on the advice of PC Lay due to some reoccurrence of anti-social behaviour.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

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Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

In the absence of the Chair, there was nothing to report.

BUSINESS RELATING TO CAR PARK

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10156.1 Report of the Chair of the Car Park Committee

In the absence of the Chair, there was nothing to report.

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10156.2 To receive a progress report.

The Town Clerk confirmed that works had started although much of the first week was used to set up welfare facilities with the required plant arriving. The banking had now been excavated and the site had had a Health and Safety survey carried out by Outsource Safety on 30th November 2018.

HIGHWAYS

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To receive a report from Council’s Highways Representative

Cllr Hayes reported that Cam Pitch was going to be closed early in the new year for carriageway resurfacing. Long Street is now fully open with the new junction layout operational, the double yellow markings have not yet been fully installed.

Many drains require to be cleared with flooding witnessed at several locations during the recent wet weather including Hardings Drive and Parsonage Street.

It had been noted that potholes had been filled recently in Rednock Drive.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

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To receive a report from Council’s Police representative

In the absence of Cllr Nicholson there was no report.

CLERK’S REPORT

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The Clerk’s report was noted. Cllr Creswick agreed to represent the Town Council at the upcoming tourism meeting on 12th December 2018.

Cllr Patrick commented on a recent motion passed at Gloucestershire County Council to improve bridleways access across the county.

INSPECTIONS

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The inspections for December 2018 and January 2019 were noted.

The meeting closed at 8p.m.

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Town Mayor

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Date