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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, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Action Summary:

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Mandy Woodward (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: A Stennett, W Thomas, A Whitwell, M Stennett, P Hayes, S Creswick, L Patrick, J Burdge, J Ball and S Ackroyd.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk; Cllrs Doina Cornell and Trevor Hall, Stroud District Council.

Absent: A Sheffield.

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr Mandy Woodward assumed the role of Chair.

### **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 10216

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Grecian (Mayor), M Nicholson, S Abraham, B Cairns (all personal).

### **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** 10217

Cllr Ball declared a pecuniary interest as an employee of the Dursley & District Community Association (Agenda Item 9 (i) Minute 10224.1).

### **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** 10218

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **RESIGNATION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR** 10219

The resignation of Cllr Tom Arnold was accepted.

### **REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** 10220

Cllr Cornell reported on the differing views on the S106 Funding earmarked for Community Buildings from the Littlecombe development. The potential development site off May Lane continues to be investigated with a technical

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report being produced for committee to consider, with Social Housing being considered. The recent publicity on the site has increased private developer interest and discussion continue with some of the landowners. Three industrial units at Littlecombe have now been leased, with other interest having been expressed.

Cllr Cornell referred to the recent Annual Assembly and the interest in a local meeting to discuss Climate Change and partnership working to reduce carbon emissions. The Strategy & Resource Committee will consider a motion to sign a military covenant to support ex-service personnel and a proposal for a member of the British Legion to be based at Ebley Mill.

Cllr Hall reported that Stroud District Council had previously passed a motion to be climate neutral by 2030 and a paper is being produced to reach that target. Cllr Hall has also been dealing with local housing problems including properties with damp. The lack of suitable housing is causing problems and some families are not able to move to allow repairs to be fully carried out.

Cllr Ball asked to be kept up to date on the representative of the Royal British Legion being offered a place at Ebley Mill.

It was confirmed that the reduction of single use plastics is part of the Environmental plan. It was noted that all bins provided by Stroud District Council were plastic.

Cllr Patrick reported that Gloucestershire County Council had banned single use plastics and were working with suppliers/contractors to reduce. GCC have committed to being carbon neutral in 2030 and zero carbon by 2050.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY 10221

To receive a report from Dursley's Neighbourhood Police representative

There were no representations from Dursley's Neighbourhood Police Team.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10222

There were no representations from the public.

MINUTES 10223

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were signed by the Deputy Mayor.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

10224

Council's Accounts for 2018/19

10224.1 The Town Clerk confirmed the invoice for grass cutting included a payment for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and the reason for the court costs.

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

10224.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Deputy Mayor would sign the bank reconciliation.

10224.3 The income received since the last Council meeting was noted.

10224.4 The management/budget report was noted.

GREEN SPACES

10225

10225.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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

10225.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10226

10226.1 To receive the Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee Meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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

10226.2 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

PLANNING

10227

10227.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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

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10227.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair reported that a Planning Panel meeting would be held immediately after Council.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10228

10228.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on 7th May 2019.

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

10228.2 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10228.3 To receive an update on the Annual Assembly held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

The Town Clerk confirmed the event had been very well attended compared to previous years. The guest speaker from St Modwen Homes attracted residents and a good question and answer session followed the presentation. It did come as a surprise to Council that an entrance/exit was proposed to our Long Street Car Park, this wasn't something we had been made aware of and would result in the loss of spaces and complicate our enforcement. The Council thanked the staff for arranging the assembly.

10228.4 To receive reports from the following meetings:

- (i) **Vale Vison** (15/5/19) – The Deputy Clerk attended the meeting it included a financial report, website upgrade, Sculpture Trail and the What's On magazine, walking for health, and recent community events. The AGM will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> August.
- (ii) **Town Trust AGM** (16/5/19) – Only one Council appointed trustee present. Financial report given, the Trust covering annual costs but will not be able to fund the next major maintenance project. Other funding being investigated for smaller projects including new windows and insulation. Taking part in Dursley Festival and Heritage Open Day.
- (iii) **Dursley in Bloom** – Planting ongoing in advance of judging day. Four names have been passed to the police following our Facebook appeal on the large planter being tipped over at the weekend.
- (iv) **Summer Festival** (30/5/19) – Located in town centre with stalls, classic cars, Rednock Swing Band and other attractions. Rednock School making "stocks" and a tin can alley. Volunteers required for the stocks.
- (v) **DATE – AGM** – DATE is an abbreviation of Dursley & District Association for the Transport of the Disabled & Elderly. The minibus travelled over 3,700 miles in last 12 months with 14 regular users. More volunteer drivers required; younger people require additional testing before being able to drive minibuses. A new bus will be required in a few years' time.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

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10229.1 To receive the Minutes of the Staff Committee Meeting held on the 7th May 2019.

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

10229.2 Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

BUSINESS RELATING TO CAR PARK

10230

10230.1 Report of the Chair of the Car Park Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10230.2 To receive a progress report.

The Town Clerk informed Council that the street lighting columns would be erected this week, with Western Power Distribution due to complete the electrical connection on Tuesday 11th June. The CCTV and ANPR camera would be installed shortly afterwards.

HIGHWAYS

10231

To receive a report from Council's Highways Representative

Cllr Hayes had nothing to report.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

10232

To receive a report from Council's Police representative

In the absence of Cllr Nicholson, there was no report, but current police matters had been covered earlier in the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk's report was noted.

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INSPECTIONS

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The inspections for June & July were noted.

The meeting closed at 7:35p.m.

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