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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 5th November 2019.

Action Summary:

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| 10320.3 | To award the grant payments to GL11, Churches Together and Stroud Citizens Advice | 10320.3 | To invite a representative of the 1 st Dursley Scouts to a meeting |
| 10320.4 | To award the payment to The Shrubberies School | | |

PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian (Mayor)

Councillors: J Burdge, P Hayes, S Ackroyd, A Sheffield, A Stennett, J Smee, J. Ball, A Whitwell, L Patrick, S Creswick, M Stennett and D Thirlwell.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk; Stroud District Councillor Doina Cornell; PCSO's Mark Lifton and Abbi Barker.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10309

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), K Reynolds and W Thomas (all personal).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10310

Councillors Ball and Ackroyd declared pecuniary interests as potential recipients of grants (Agenda Item 12.3; Minute 10320.3).

Councillors A Stennett & M Stennett declared non-pecuniary interests as their children are members of the Dursley Scouts (Agenda Item: 12.3, Minute: 10320.3)

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION 10311

Council formally noted the recent resignation of Cllr Suzi Abraham and the commencement of the notice of vacancy. The Mayor thanked the former deputy mayor for her contribution over the last few years.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10312

Cllr Patrick reported that the "H" marking had been installed on Whiteway Hill it was being respected but some vehicles continue to park on it creating a hazard.

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The police have been asked to highlight the issue to drivers of the vehicles who continue to park at this location. May Lane has been added to the 2020/21 resurfacing programme.

Cllr M Stennett joined the meeting.

Cllr Cornell reported that preparations for the December general election were underway and the “purdah” pre-election period had commenced. SDC have agreed that the Local Plan consultation should go ahead as planned, despite the election and this will not include the “PS29” area of land which was included on the previous consultation – Land off Shakespeare Road. Cam is still a major development location and Cllr Cornell asked the Councillors to consider the impact on local infrastructure in the Dursley area.

Business units at Littlecombe have nearly all been sold or leased and there has been initial interest in the adjacent commercial land.

The assessment of the land behind May Lane (old Dairy site) is ongoing, the Town Council will be asked to comment on initial development plans soon.

The transfer of Kingshill House is ongoing with the aim to complete the process by April 2021.

The Town Council have been asked to discuss the future of the May Lane toilets with a meeting being held on 14th November.

Cllr Cornell left the meeting.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

10313

To receive a report from Dursley’s Neighbourhood Police representative

PCSO’s Lifton and Barker provided an update on crimes during October 2019 with 109 incidents reported during this period. The statistics showed a decrease in antisocial behaviour, but a slight rise in burglaries, domestic and violent incidents. There had been 5 missing person searches in October.

The mobile police station will be located in Dursley on 17th December between 2pm-7pm and will be providing information on security. The neighbourhood police team will be highlighting burglary patrols in the next few weeks.

Recent warrants and searches have taken place in Dursley with regard to drug crimes. Please continue to report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

In response to a question about their visual presence in the town, especially on a Saturday afternoon, the PCSO’s confirmed that their shift patterns would be changing soon but a presence could not be guaranteed as it depends on the

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incidents across the Stroud area. It was highlighted that contacting the non-emergency 101 telephone number continues to be very time consuming and the Council are disappointed that a more local number for Dursley Police Station is not available.

Cllr Hayes thanked the police for having the mobile station in Dursley on the 4th November.

Cllr Patrick left the meeting.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10314

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES 10315

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1st October 2019 were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10316

Council's Accounts for 2019/20

10316 (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Mayor would sign the schedule of payments.

10316 (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Mayor would sign the bank reconciliation.

10316 (iii) The income received since the last Council meeting was noted.

10316 (iv) The management/budget report was noted.

GREEN SPACES 10317

10317.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meeting held on the 8th October 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10317.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair reported that general repairs including some tree work was ongoing. One piece of replacement playground equipment had been priced at over £600 by a supplier, but this had been reduced by half by looking at alternative suppliers.

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10317.3 War Memorial Recreation Ground – Fire Damage Incidents

The Town Clerk confirmed that the investigating officer had moved roles and the matter was now been dealt by the local neighbourhood policing team. PC Lay was keeping the Town Clerk up to date with progress.

10317.4 Opening of Petanque Court

It was noted that the official opening of the petanque court was held on the 22nd October 2019.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10318

10318.1 To receive the Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee Meeting held on the 8th October 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10318.2 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

In the absence of the Chair there was no report

PLANNING

10319

10319.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 15th October 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10319.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10320

10320.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 22nd October 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10320.2 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10320.3 To consider Grant Applications.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the recommendations of the Committee in full and award the following grants:

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Applicant	Brief Description	Amount	Abstentions
Churches Together	Lunch/Entertainment at Christmas	£100	Cllrs Ball & Ackroyd
GL11	Afterschool/ Holiday Club	£425	Cllrs Ball, Ackroyd, M Stennett & A Stennett.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award a 2020/21 revenue grant of £5,500 to Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswolds Districts. Cllrs Ball & Ackroyd abstained.

IT WAS AGREED to invite a representative of the 1st Dursley Scouts group to discuss the location of the proposed scout hut. Cllrs Ball, Ackroyd, M Stennett & A Stennett abstained.

10320.4 To consider the Urgent Grant Application from The Shrubberies School.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award a payment of £300 towards the education trip for the Dursley based student. The Council requested a photograph from the trip which could be used in a future Council publication. There was one vote against, Cllr Ackroyd abstained.

10320.5 To receive reports from the following meetings:

- (i) **GL11 AGM** – The Mayor was only able to part attend the meeting.
- (ii) **Festive Dursley** – The preparations are ongoing. Councillors are asked to contact the office with their availability on the day.
- (iii) **Youth Centre Management Committee** – Two recent meetings with regard to the volume of damage to the centre during the sessions run by Community Mentoring & Support.
- (iv) **Vale Vision** – A new website is planned for 2020, new sculptures on the trail with new volunteers taking part. Facebook page has been setup, The group discussed walking for health, a path through the new Box Road development and a Dursley snickets map.
- (v) **Stinchcombe Hill Trust** – The AGM was held and then a financial meeting. Annual rent for the golf course has been increased, but a change to farm subsidy could mean several years payments may need to be returned. The group discussed maintenance of paths and ash dieback.
- (vi) **Rotary Club** – Cllr Hayes attended the recent meeting where several thousand pounds was issued to local good causes.
- (vii) **Joint Woodlands Committee** – Cllr M Stennett attended, the group hadn't applied for a Town Council grant. There is a vacancy for a clerk for the committee. Reports received from Woodlands Manager and Footpath Warden.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10321

10321.1 To receive the Minutes of the Staff Committee Meeting held on the 22nd October 2019.

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IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10321.2 Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10321.3 To receive an update on the 2019 Staff Appraisals

The Chair was still working on the appraisals and would report back at the December meeting.

BUSINESS RELATING TO CAR PARK

10322

10322.1 Report of the Chair of the Car Park Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10322.2 To receive a progress report.

The Town Clerk reported that our main contractor had agreed to replace the wind damaged overhead barrier. A more detailed report on the ANPR camera issues would be provided at the upcoming Car Park Committee meeting.

HIGHWAYS

10323

To receive a report from Council's Highways Representative

Cllr Hayes reported that resurfacing works had recently been completed on Castle Street and were ongoing on Kingshill Road. The planned works on Uley Road had been postponed.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

10324

To receive a report from Council's Police representative

There was nothing to add to the matter discussed earlier in the meeting (Minute: 10313 and 10317.3).

CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk's report was noted, Councillors were reminded of the upcoming remembrance events.

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INSPECTIONS

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The inspections for November and December were noted.

The meeting closed at 20:10pm.

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Town Mayor

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