

4th October 2022

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Community Meeting Room, Fire Station, Kingshill Road, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

Action Summary:

10820.2 Issue award letters and payments for Small Grants 10820.2 Issue award letters for Revenue Grants

PRESENT

Cllr S Ackroyd (Mayor)

Councillors: S Creswick, A Stennett, J Rubin, P Hayes, T White, D Cornell, W Thomas, N Grecian, D Horn, T Kinnison, M Stennett and D Savvidou.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk and Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk.

Absent: L Patrick.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10808

Apologies were received from Councillors M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), M Nicholson and T Stride (all personal).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10809

The Mayor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as a Director of the Chantry Centre (agenda Item 11.5, minute 10820.2).

Cllr Creswick declared a non-pecuniary interest as a friend of a member of Dursley Rugby Football Club (agenda Item 11.5, minute 10820.2).

REPRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10810

County Councillor Thomas had provided a written report which would be circulated following the meeting.

In summary, Councillor Thomas highlighted that design plans for the B4066 Frocester Hill junction will be shared imminently, the actual work itself will not start before April 2023. Cllr Thomas is going to check reports of the No. 62 bus arriving at 07:02 in the Cam/Dursley railway station which does not link well with current scheduled trains. Cllr Thomas confirmed she was a member of a new task group regarding ongoing bus issues.

District Councillor Cornell reported that cost of living help featured on the front page of the Stroud District Council website and a further consultation was taking



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place on the Local Plan for individuals/organisations who had previously submitted comments. It had been announced that the bid for a nuclear fusion plant in Gloucestershire had not been successful.

Cllr Cornell confirmed that she was enquiring as to the latest on proposals for the May Lane/Prospect Place land to be developed and has requested a progress update/meeting for the Town Council.

UPDATE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

10811

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the recent review meeting of the Youth Contract where the Town Council were thanked for the allocation of funds towards an excursion to Cribbs Causeway and the most recent Cost of Living (Warm Place) meeting hosted by the GL11 organisation.

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Clerk for their efforts in arranging community events including the proclamation following the recent death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Town Council has sent a letter of condolence to King Charles III.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

10812

There were no members of the public in attendance.

MINUTES

10813

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

10814

Council's accounts for the financial year 2022/23:

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments since the last Council meeting be authorised and signed by the Deputy Mayor.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be authorised and signed by the Mayor.
- (iii) The income received since the last Council meeting was noted, Cllr Creswick reported that interest received had increased.
- (iv) The updated expenditure summary report was noted. The Town Clerk explained that the income summary had not been included with the agenda papers but "hidden" calculations on the expenditure did include income to provide the true budget position. The Town Clerk would review how this is presented prior to the next Council meeting.



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TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10815

Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

GREEN SPACES

10816

Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair reported on emergency works to repair the water system at the Pavilion on the War Memorial Recreation Ground had been completed. There remained some internal re-decoration to be carried out.

PLANNING

10817

10817.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 27th September 2022

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

10817.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

In the absence of the Chair, there were no matters to report.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10818

10818.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th September 2022

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

10818.2 Report of the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

10818.3 To receive any Councillor reports or attendance at meetings.

Councillor White reported that he would be attending Rednock School on 7th October 2022 to discuss Pride and other LGBT matters.

Councillor Grecian reported on the Festive Dursley meeting held on 4th October 2022, the group was working toward the Christmas lights switch on event on 25th November 2022. This year's event will have a Victorian theme. Councillors were encouraged to attend and volunteer for marshalling and other duties.

Cllr Cornell attended the recent Cam & Dursley Creatives meeting where a range of projects were discussed including social prescribed initiatives.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

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To receive an update on Tourism matters

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that interviews would be held on the 14th October for the delayed Stroud Market Town Council's Tourism Brief Project. New smart app trials were being developed including a Vintage and Pre-Loved trail which is scheduled to go live in November.

There are a number of Halloween events across a number of local businesses and organisations throughout the October half term week. Visit Dursley creating a press release to advertise these activities.

The Deputy Clerk attended an online Stroud Investment & Tourism workshop where it was highlighted that poor transport network and a skill shortage in hospitality were impacting local tourism.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10820

10820.1 To consider the proposed Pastoral Scheme – Woodmancote Saint Mark

IT WAS RESOLVED to acknowledge the proposed closure of the church, but Council had no comment at this time.

It was noted that any future changes to the church building the Council would have the opportunity to comment through the planning process and that Dursley Town Council already carry out the maintenance of the graveyard.

10820.2 Regarding Grants 2022/23

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the following Small Grants with payment made in October 2022:

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Brief Description
Connect AT	£500	Outings
Dursley in Bloom	£500	Bulbs/plants
Good Neighbours	£500	Driver Payments
Dursley Town AFC (Boys & Girls)	£625	Spray Marking Machine
Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper	£125	USB memory sticks
Dursley Town AFC (Men & Ladies)	£500	Spike Aerator
Dursley Running Club Juniors	£2,000	Multisport Long Jump



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IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the following Revenue Grants with Payment made in May/June 2023:

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Brief Description	Notes
The Dods	£2,000	Orchestra Costs	Cllr Grecian abstained
Chantry Centre	£10,000	Asbestos Removal	Cllr Ackroyd abstained
Dursley RFC	£2,000	Training pitch, car park & clubhouse improvements	3-year grant.
DATE	£500	Bus maintenance	3-year grant.
D&D Community Association	£7,000	Running Costs	Provisional grant award subject to review meeting/report in February 2023.
Great Western Air Ambulance	£2,000	One flight to Dursley	

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10821

Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

In the absence of the Chair the Town Clerk reported that the staff appraisals had been completed and would be reported to the Staffing Committee on the 25th October 2022.

CLERK'S REPORT

10822

The Town Clerk confirmed that staff numbers were now back to full capacity following his recent absence which coincided with the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Town Clerk thanked the Deputy Clerk for carrying out the required duties throughout the mourning period.

INSPECTIONS

10823

The scheduled Councillor inspections and checks for October and November 2022 were noted.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

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Town Mayor

..... 9 September 2022
Date

