

6th December 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 6th December 2022.

Action Summary:

10862 To accept the quote from Bruton Knowles
for insurance valuations

PRESENT

Cllr M Woodward (Deputy Mayor),

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

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

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr Mandy Woodward assumed the role of chair for the meeting.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10846

Apologies were received from Councillors S Ackroyd (Mayor), T White and A Stennett (all personal), Cllrs D Horn and L Patrick (both business).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10847

There were no declarations of interest.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10848

County Councillor Thomas had provided a written report which would be circulated prior to the meeting. It included an update on parking in Parsonage Street and vehicles entering the "wrong way" and ongoing drainage issues.

Stroud District Councillor Doina Cornell highlighted the leaves on the path at the rear of Rednock and the need for a handrail. Dursley Town Council staff had cleared the leaves but the path belonged to Gloucestershire County Council as part of the highway network. The demolition of Cambridge House was imminent in the new year, Cllr Cornell had reminded contractors of the desire to recycle the heat pump and solar panels.

Ecological surveys at 11/11A May Lane had been completed; an updated timetable had been requested with an update to the Town Council expected soon with pre-planning consultation expected soon.

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UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

10849

The Deputy Mayor reported on the successful festive switch on event which was well attended and thanked the staff and volunteers. It included a record number of children visiting the grotto. It was noted that the new icicle lights in Parsonage Street were impressive.

The Deputy Mayor would be involved in tree planting on the 9th December at The Slad with local school children and members of Dursley Lions.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

10850

Charlie Marwood, representing The Engine provided an update on the community & social enterprise organisation set up to offer local businesses support and increase regeneration. This included a successful pop up "Escape Room" activity in the town. The group have links with Digital Dursley but share the Council's concerns over the lack of an active group of local business and/or traders.

Charlie was invited to attend a future meeting of the Town Improvements Committee.

MINUTES

10851

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

10852

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.

The Clerk confirmed the payment to Tortworth Court were for the Christmas tree and that this would be paid back to DTC by the sponsor. The payment to SLCC was for the Town Clerk's annual subscription. The payment to District Enforcement was to commence the removal of an abandoned car from Long Street Car park.

- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be authorised and signed by the Deputy Mayor.
- (iii) The income received since the last Council meeting was noted. The allotment rent for from a new tenant.
- (iv) The updated expenditure summary report was noted. It was noted that some income/ expenditure had overlapped from the previous financial year (CIL and Welcome Back grant funding)



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TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10853

10853.1 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

Cllr Savvidou reported that she had attended the recent awards nights for The Door Youth Project which included some local winners and that The Door YP had received a National Youth Quality recognition; chaired a meeting of Visit Dursley and attended a review meeting for the Visitor Information Centre located in the Dursley library. She would be meeting Jackie Ellis of Tourism Angles on the 15th December relating to the Stroud Market Town Council's Tourism Brief Project

10853.2 To receive an update on Tourism matters.

The update had been provided by the Chair.

GREEN SPACES

10854

Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

In the absence of the Chair the Town Clerk confirmed that the boiler had been replaced at the pavilion on the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

PLANNING

10855

10855.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 22nd November 2022

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting.

10855.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair reported that the Committee considered some of the application plans to be unacceptable and contained inaccurate information. It was noted the Mayor had recently attended a planning peer review meeting but should this continue, they the Committee would consider raising an official complaint.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10856

Report of the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10857

Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had no matters to report but commented the Committee would meet on the 13th December.



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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

10858

Cllr Stride attended a recent warm space session at the Chantry Centre and received comments about lack of access for mobility scooters at various points in the town. The Town Clerk confirmed this can be raised with GCC Highways and a site visit could be arranged.

CLERK'S REPORT

10859

The Town Clerk confirmed the office would close to the public at 12pm on Friday 23rd December 2022 and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 10am.

The Town Clerk thanked the staff and Councillors who volunteered at the annual festive event, but we are falling sort of the number of volunteers need to safely marshall the event.

INSPECTIONS

10860

The scheduled Councillor inspections and checks for December 2022 and January 2023 were noted.

TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC

10861

To resolve to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

IT WAS RESOLVED to carry out the remainder of business in committee due to the confidential nature of the business. There were no members of the public or press present.

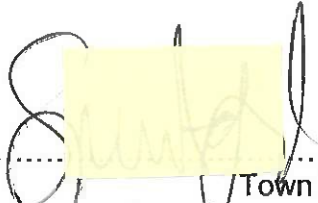
POLICY AND FINANCE

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To consider the quotes received for the Insurance Rebuilding Valuations

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quote from Bruton Knowles Chartered Surveyors for £1,450 + VAT.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.


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Town Mayor
26th January 2023
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Date