

**MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL (ATC) HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7PM IN ROOM 1**

Town Mayor M Bennett MBE  
Deputy Mayor: M Kerry

Councillors: P Bennett, G Dolman, P Hunt, S Marshall-Clarke, K Moss, C O'Brien, A Richardson, J Smith, J Walker, S Walker, K Wood and P Woodhouse.

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1. To receive apologies for absence.  
Apologies received and **ACCEPTED** from  
J Gdula (child care)

Members **RESOLVED** to add the following items to the agenda

11m To consider complaints from customers of Futures Homescape regarding tenants obligations.

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2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

Councillor M Bennett

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Councillor M Bennett will leave the meeting.

3) Public Participation

Councillor M Bennett will leave the meeting.

Councillor C O`Brian

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Councillor C O`Brian will leave the meeting.

Councillor A Richardson

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Councillor A Richardson will leave the meeting.

Councillor J Smith

11m) To consider complaints from customers of Futures Homescape regarding tenants obligations.

Councillor J Smith will leave the meeting.

Councillor J Walker

3 Public Participation

Councillor J Walker will leave the meeting.

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3. Public Participation

Councillors M Bennett and J Walker left the meeting.

Councillor M Kerry took the Chair

A member of the public raised the question of when footpaths 70 and 71 will be open as they are now on the definitive map but are blocked by a locked gate adjacent to the proposed traffic island on Mansfield Road.

Members heard that plans for the proposed island had been submitted to Derbyshire County Council recently.

An "Alfreton" sign will be installed for which a design has been submitted.

Members **RESOLVED** to formally log their support for Footpaths 70 and 71 in which the Town Council were involved some ten years ago and write to Derbyshire County Council to enquire as to when the footpaths will be open. Members noted that Amber Valley Borough Council want to be included in the roundabout plans but there has been no consultation with local businesses by Amber Valley Borough Council or Derbyshire County Council on the matter.

Councillors M Bennett and J Walker re-entered the meeting.  
Councillor M Bennett took the Chair.

4. To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public.  
The Town Clerk recommends that the following item is taken in exclusion:
- 11d) To consider a quotation for floor covering on the stairwell and toilets.
  - 11f) To receive details of price increases relating to Bus Shelter Cleaning

**RESOLVED**

To hear the items in exclusion

5. To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available.  
No representative was able to attend the meeting.
- a) A letter was read out from Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Dhindsa who had attended a meeting with Members of the Town Council. Members **RESOLVED** to write to the Divisional Commander of North Division on the points raised at the meeting.

6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Meetings of Alfreton Town Council held on:
- a. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- The minutes of the meeting were **NOTED** and **APPROVED**

11b) To consider applying for sponsorship from the Tesco Community Fund

Members **RESOLVED** to formally move this item to a Working Group

11c) Estate Bus Service to Tavistock Square

An update was given and Members **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk would speak to a Senior Police Officer regarding the obstructive parking.

7. After consideration to approve the signature of the Meeting Minutes of:
- a. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the meeting were **APPROVED** for signing

8. To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting.  
There was none

9. To consider an update report from the Town Clerk on progress on the actions arising from minutes. (Monitoring Report)

This was for information only.

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10. To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees.

**a) Christmas Lights Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were recorded as a correct record and the recommendations were approved.

Members heard that Wilkinsons and Argos have given permission, Amber Valley Borough Council have given permission for their lampposts to be used and the electricians will be on site in the near future.

**b) Alfreton Fun Run Working Group 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The minutes were recorded as a correct record and recommendations 1 and 2 were approved. For recommendation 3 there is no set budget as yet.

The date for the Fun Run has been confirmed as 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

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11. To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.

**a) To receive and approve the Financial Risk Assessment carried out on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Financial Risk Assessment.

Members discussed the balances of the account and that any amount over £75k with one provider is not covered under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Members **RESOLVED** to give delegated powers to the Leader of Finance and Personnel together with the Town Clerk and RFO to investigate moving any amount surplus to £75k to another provider.

A report is to be presented at a future meeting on charges.

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**b) To consider cleaning of the War Memorial**

**RESOLVED**

1. That Members have the Memorial cleaned and set an amount from the Properties budget .

2. That delegated powers are given to the Lead and Support Member for Properties to carry out this task.

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**c) To receive a report on the service of the fire alarm system**

**RESOLVED**

1) To note the details contained in the report.

2) To give delegated powers to the Health and Safety Member to review and resolve any concerns.

3) To obtain a quote for a future meeting for any work that needs to be carried out.

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**d) To consider a quotation for floor covering on the stairwell and toilets  
Item heard in exclusion**

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**e) To consider a response on the introduction of a Farmers Market in Alfreton**

Members considered the matter and praised Amber Valley Borough Council for their consultation.

Members discussed the following points regarding the proposed siting of the Farmers Market on Institute Lane :-

- Access Issues
- Pigeons Nuisance
- Members welcome the concept
- Will it have a negative impact on existing businesses ?
- Has any market research been done with local people and businesses ?
- Choice of Day
- Will there be a power to halt and review ?

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk meets with the Assistant Director –Landscape and the Markets and Town Centre Officer of Amber Valley Borough Council to discuss the points raised.

Members **RESOLVED** to purchase an additional 250 bags for Amberfest.

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**f) To receive details of price increases relating to Bus Shelter cleaning.  
Item heard in exclusion**

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**g) To consider a grant application from the Alfreton Rendezvous Group**

Members considered the application received and

**RESOLVED**

That a grant of £250 is awarded to the Alfreton Rendezvous Group.

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**h) To receive an invitation for a Celebration Evening from Alfreton Community Special School.**

Members **NOTED** the invitation.

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**i) To consider a response to an e mail received regarding Peasehill Allotment Plot**

Members received the report and **RESOLVED** that consultation takes place with the Lead and Support Members for Properties and that ownership of the hedge be confirmed before work is carried out by Town Council operatives.

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**j) To receive a report on Mayor`s Charity Event.**

Members **RESOLVED** to NOTE and APPROVE the report. The event will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00 and 14.00.

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**k) To consider a response to the changes for Polling Stations.**

**RESOLVED**

To monitor and report in July

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**l) To consider a response to street naming consultation**

**RESOLVED**

To propose "Mansfield Terrace" for the street name and to raise the following concerns :-

- Concerns from locals on noise
- That an acoustic fence in place before properties are built
- The planning conditions on Gooker Lane have not been enforced
- What efforts have been taken to enforce planning conditions
- Lack of suburban sprawl
- Not sufficient infrastructure to support developments

Members **RESOLVED** to invite Planning Officers to meet with the Town Council.

Councillors M Bennett, C O`Brian, A Richardson and J Smith left the meeting.

Councillor M Kerry took the Chair

**m) To consider complaints from customers of Futures Homescape regarding tenants obligations.**

Members reported complaints from tenants of Futures Homescape regarding information they had received inviting them to take out insurance to cover them for certain repairs on their property which is an additional liability for the elderly and vulnerable. It is not clear if the insurance is for standard repairs or just for malicious damage. Futures Homescape provide the largest social housing in the area and have a duty of care as social landlords.

Members **RESOLVED** to invite the CEO of Futures Homescape to a meeting to discuss the concerns and to offer to meet with them beforehand to inform them of the Town Council's concerns. Also to encourage Futures Homescape to clarify to tenants what the cover is for and to offer their tenants some advice as to whether they should take up the offer of cover or in their case they would not need to take out the additional liability. Amber Valley Borough Council are also to be informed.

Councillors M Bennett, C O`Brian, A Richardson and J Smith re-entered the meeting

Councillor Mrs M Bennett took the Chair

**12. To receive reports from representative on Outside Bodies.**

ACTS	No meeting
Amber Valley Access	Meeting cancelled
Pubwatch	More public houses have closed so Pubwatch covers a larger area
DUWC	Next meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> April

**13. To authorise the signing of orders for payment for March of £15142.21**

**RESOLVED**

The accounts were **MOVED** and **APPROVED**

Councillors M Bennett and J Walker left the meeting.

Councillor M Kerry took the Chair

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**14. To consider Planning Applications**

Members **RESOLVED** to have a consistent approach to the Eachwell Lane Development.

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15. To consider 4 topics for Communication

Financial Risk Assessment

Polling Changes

Mayor`s Charity Event

War Memorial

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