

**ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 AT ALFRETON HOUSE HIGH STREET ALFRETON.****PRESENT;**

Councillor G Dolman

Mayor

Councillor M Bennett

Deputy Mayor

**And Councillors:**

P Bennett, J Brown, M Brown, P Hunt, M Kerry, S Marshall-Clarke, A Richardson, J Walker and S Walker

**1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Members heard and accepted apologies for absence from Councillors:

P Woodhouse (work commitment) J Gdula (family commitment)

**2. Public Participation**

There have been no matters received for public participation

**3. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.**

The following declarations were received under Section 117 of the Local Government Act 1972:

Councillors M Bennett declared a personal interest in item

11q. To consider a grant application for Friendship Club. Councillor Bennett will remain in the meeting but not vote.

**4. To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public.****RESOLVED**

That under Section 100 (A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business, on the grounds that there is likely to be a disclosure of information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information :-

11c To consider gas and electricity supply to Alfreton House

11i To receive a report on Land at Outseats Farm as a Village Green

11m To consider a quote received for carpet in Room 10

Members heard of two emergency items to be added to the agenda:

11q To consider a grant applications from Friendship Club (£100.00)

11r To hear an update on Christmas Lights in the Market Hall

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5. To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available.  
The Police were not available at this meeting

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6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014, copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.  
*An update was requested on item 11a To receive an update on Rodgers Lane toilet agreement (item 11a)*  
Amber Valley Borough Council have received the signed paperwork from Alfreton Town Council, the toilets will not be opened for the end of November.

**RESOLVED**

- i. Members accepted the minutes.
- ii. That a letter is sent to Amber Valley Borough Council Cabinet Member and Leader along with Officer requesting an explanation of delay and costs for providing additional toilets for 28th November 2014.

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7. After consideration to approve the signature of the Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 by the person presiding as a correct record.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the presiding Chairman.

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

*Members thanked the staff and members involved in completing the planting scheme on site of Salcombe Road.*

*The Mayor read out a letter regarding Alfreton Train Station. Members expressed their disappointment at the timescale of 3 years to complete. Alfreton Town Council have fought for 20 years for disabled access at Alfreton Station.*

**RESOLVED**

- i. That a press release is issued for the planting scheme at Salcombe Road
- ii. That a press release is issued regarding the Railway Station. Send a copy of the letter received to Amber Valley Access for advice. Councillor S Marshall-Clarke will investigate work undertaken by Derbyshire County Council.

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

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10. To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees.  
There was none

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11. To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.
- a. To receive an Estimate of Election costs for 2015  
*Members **NOTED** the details received.*

- b. To receive a response regarding Alfreton Train Station Ticket Office  
*Members **NOTED** the details received.*  
**RESOLVED**  
To add to the monitoring report and provide an update in April 2015.
- c. To consider gas and electricity supply to Alfreton House  
ITEM HEARD IN EXCLUSION.
- d. To receive and approve Financial Regulations  
*Members thanked the staff and members involved for their work on this complex document.*  
**RESOLVED**
- i. That the Town Council adopts the Financial Regulations from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014
  - ii. That the Town Council instruct the RFO to open an account with Unity Trust Bank leaving a balance of £20,000.00, transferring remaining funds once completed
  - iii. That the Town Council accept the suggested levels of authorisation
  - iv. That a process is arranged for 'emergency payments' and to avoid unnecessary delays in August when the Council do not meet
- e. To receive a response from Trent Buses and Your Bus regarding unauthorised bus routes  
*Members **NOTED** the details received.*
- f. To receive a letter regarding Council Tax Grant – Phased Reduction in Grant  
*Members **NOTED** the details received.*  
**RESOLVED**  
That a letter is sent to Amber Valley Borough Council seeking clarification on the specific reduction each year to Alfreton Town Council.
- g. To receive and approve the Health and Safety Policy and Rules for Alfreton Town Council  
*Members thanked the Mayor and Officers. Amendment required to item 11 on page 6 of the rules to include an annual report of accidents to the Council.*  
**RESOLVED**
- i. That the Council adopts the Policy and Rules from 18<sup>TH</sup> November 2014
- h. To consider renewal to The National Allotment Society  
*Members received the invoiced*  
**RESOLVED**  
That the Council renews membership with the National Allotment Society of £66.00
- i. To receive a report on Land at Outseats Farm as a Village Green  
ITEM HEARD IN EXCLUSION
- j. To receive details of The Local Council Award Scheme  
*Members wish to continue with the scheme.*  
**RESOLVED**
- i. That the Council apply for the Foundation level by December 2014.
  - ii. That a report is received at a future meeting of the Council on attaining Quality and Quality Gold
- k. To receive a letter from DCC on a Footpath between Beech Avenue to Lydford Road  
*Members welcomed the addition of a footpath on Lydford Road*  
**RESOLVED**
- i. That a response is sent in favour of the footpath stating no objections.

- l. To receive details of proposed changes to the submitted Core Strategy  
*Members **NOTED** the details received.*
- m. To consider a quote received for carpet in Room 10  
*Members considered the quotation received.*  
**RESOLVED**
- i. Accept the quote from United Carpets and arrange for fitting in January.
- n. To consider grant applications from:  
ITEM HEARD IN EXCLUSION
- o. To hear from the mayor who has received a letter of retirement from a Council Member  
*The Mayor read the content of the letter to the Council.*  
**RESOLVED**
- i. That the Council sends a letter of thanks to the retired Councillor along with a gift from the Mayor to the value of £20.00
- ii. That the vacancy process is prepared for the December meeting
- p. To receive a verbal report on the purchase of an additional Christmas Light for the Blue Bell Inn  
*Members discussed the various options available. A quote will be provided when the installers are on site from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014.*  
**RESOLVED**  
That a light is installed to the value of £500.00 from the Properties budget and with delegated powers to the Lead Member of Christmas Lights
- q. To consider a grant applications from Friendship Club (£100.00)
- i. *Friendship Club (£100.00)*  
*Members considered the application received.*  
*Members considered the applications received and mindful of the Local Government Act 2000 section 2 as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 section 77 and their Powers of Wellbeing:*  
**RESOLVED**  
To grant £100.00 to the Friendship Club
- r. To hear an update on Christmas Lights in the Market Hall  
Members heard an update regarding the installation of lights into the Market Hall for 2014.  
**RESOLVED**  
That the Council call an extraordinary meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 providing further details are received from the Market Hall along with a presentation of displays available.

12. To receive reports from representative on Outside Bodies.  
*Members heard an update from the Air Cadets representative; they are expected to contact the Council regarding their grant application.*  
*A police representative will be available at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 regarding the Pubwatch issues.*

13. To authorise the signing of orders for payment.  
*The accounts shown as Appendix 1 of the minutes were received and payments of £7,136.74 were approved for October 2014. Members expressed their thanks to staff for the work completed on realigning the budgets.*

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