

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8th JULY 2014
AT ALFRETON HOUSE HIGH STREET ALFRETON.**

PRESENT;

Councillor G Dolman	Mayor
Councillor Mrs M Bennett MBE	Deputy Mayor

And Councillors:

Mrs P Bennett, J Brown, Mrs M Brown J Gdula, P Hunt, J Walker and S Walker

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:

A Richardson (family commitment), M Kerry (other public duty) S Marshall-Clarke (other commitment), J Savage (work commitment), P Woodhouse (holiday)

1a To consider a correction of the attendance list of the minutes dated 14th January 2014

It was confirmed that councillor J Savage was in attendance at the meeting on 14th January 2014

RESOLVED

Minutes to be corrected and signed by the then Mayor, Councillor J Walker.

2. Public Participation

There were no items for Public Participation.

3. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

Councillors J Brown, Mrs M Brown and S Walker declared a personal interest in item

12i To receive a report on Acoustic Barrier – Salcombe Road

All to remain in the meeting but not vote

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

The Town Clerk recommends that the following item(s) are taken in exclusion of the press and public:-

- a. *To review action to remedy placement of Christmas Lights into the tree in Alfreton House Garden and consider the impact on budgets*
- b. *To receive a proposal to fund the cleaning of toilets on Rodgers Lane*
- f. *To consider leave of absence for Councillor Mrs Bennett*
- i. *To receive a report on Acoustic Barrier – Salcombe Road*

Members **MOVED** the recommendations

5. To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available.

PC Mark Gibbs attended the meeting.

Patrols are continuing on the Welfare Ground, some activity but not as busy. Police would appreciate any detail on suspicious activity in Firs Gardens. Information can be given anonymously.

Members heard that more officers are in Alfreton but covering a larger area. Small shoplifting and thefts spike and current drugs concerns in the Town.

6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 17th June 2014, copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.

Members read the Minutes of the meeting of 17th June 2014

RESOLVED

They are confirmed as a correct record

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7. After consideration to approve the signature of the Minutes of 17th June 2014 by the person presiding as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2014 were signed by the person presiding. An update was given regarding Blueys FC grant application, details will be available at a future meeting of the council.

8. To hear a presentation from Home-Start for their grant application of £2,268.00. (item 12h(i) also refers)

Members heard a short presentation from two representatives of Homestart. Homestart currently support 4 families in Alfreton.

RESOLVED

To hear at item 12h(i)

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

No actions.

10. To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting.

There was none.

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

- a. Remembrance Sunday Meeting held on 1st July 2014

Members discussed the report.

RESOLVED

Members MOVED the minutes and require a minibus for the event to shuttle people to the Watchorn Church and back after the service

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

- a. **To review action to remedy placement of Christmas Lights into the tree in Alfreton House Garden and consider the impact on budgets**

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- b. **To receive a proposal to fund the cleaning of toilets on Rodgers Lane**

ITEM HEARD IN EXCLUSION

Councillor J Brown and J Walker left the meeting

- c. **To consider a health and safety review**

Members considered the report and MOVED the recommendations.

RESOLVED

1. For the Assistant Town Clerk to attend a Health and Safety Course with SLCC at a cost of £125.00, ensuring this is best value.
2. For the Assistant Town Clerk and Deputy Leader to attend an NVQ or further stage Health and Safety Course.
3. For the Grounds Maintenance Operative to attend a PAT-testing qualification.

- d. **To consider a response to the Amber Valley Consultation Panel Survey**

The content of the survey was discussed.

RESOLVED

1. Respond to Amber Valley Borough Council thanking them for the detail and asking for a copy of the results of the survey once completed.

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e. To receive a copy of correspondence relating to the Liverpool to Norwich Train Service Franchise

Members discussed the report and the content of the letter. The electrification of the line is a concern; more information is required from East Midlands Trains.

RESOLVED

That further research is undertaken with the Train Operators to establish the true future case and that the Leader and Deputy Leader are empowered to determine a response from the Town Council to the DfT's consultation exercise.

f. To consider leave of absence for a Councillor
ITEM HEARD IN EXCLUSION

g. To consider a response to the Street Lighting Consultation
Members discussed the detail of the consultation.

RESOLVED

1. Display poster in Alfreton House
2. Add an item to the Executive Meeting in July with delegated powers to respond to the consultation

h. To consider grant applications from:

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:

- i. Home-Start Amber Valley (£2,268.00, item 8 also refers)
Members heard a presentation from Homestart at item 8.

RESOLVED

To award a grant of £1000.00 and invite them to apply for further funding if required from the Community Fund. Pass on sympathies regarding government funding.

- ii. 1st Riddings Brownies (£300.00)
Members considered the application.

RESOLVED

To award a grant of £300.00.

i. To receive a report on Acoustic Barrier – Salcombe Road
ITEM HEARD IN EXCLUSION

Councillor J Brown and J Walker entered the meeting

13.To receive reports from representative on Outside Bodies.

There was none.

14.To authorise the signing of orders for payment.

The accounts shown as Appendix 1 of the minutes were received and payments of £21128.78 were approved.