

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL (ATC) HELD ON 26th MAY 2015

Attendees: Councillors M Bennett, P Hunt, M Kerry, A Richardson, J Smith, J Walker, S Walker, K Wood

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1. To receive apologies for absence.
Councillor P Bennett, G Dolman, J Gdula, S Marshall-Clarke, C O'Brien

The Town Clerk confirmed that there are 8 executive members of Alfreton Town Council who have voting rights at the Executive meeting, all other members can attend and participate but cannot vote.

The 8 executive members are:
Councillors M Bennett, G Dolman, M Kerry, S Marshall-Clarke, J Smith, J Walker, S Walker, K Wood.

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2. Public Participation.
There was none

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3. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.
Councillor P Hunt declared a personal interest in Item 10. To receive quotes for updating the notice board at Alfreton House
Councillor Hunt will leave the meeting

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4. To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public
RESOLVED
To take the following items in exclusion
 6. To consider the purchase of 100,000 poop scoop bags
 9. To receive quotes for updating the notice board
 12. To consider rental offer of Room 10
 13. To receive a quotation on Legionella Risk Assessment at Alfreton House

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5. To receive an update and a proposed license for occupation of the car park AVBC to ATC – Lease of Alfreton House & Car Park
RESOLVED
Lead and Support Members Councillors K Wood and S Walker along with Councillor M Bennett have powers to sign the license

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6. To consider the purchase of 100,000 poop scoop bags
Item taken in exclusion of the press and public

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7. To hear and consider an event to celebrate Victory over Japan (VJ) Day – 15th August 2015 (Councillors Bennett and Dolman)
Members heard from Councillor M Bennett.
RESOLVED
To hold an event on Saturday 15th August 2015 with a budget of £1000.00 from the Capital

Funds (Environment) –detailed expenditure to be authorised by Councillors M Kerry, M Bennett and S Walker

8. To receive a letter from Derbyshire Law Centre on membership
Members considered the details in the letter received
RESOLVED
- a. That ATC join the Derbyshire Law Society free of charge
 - b. That should the Law Society be wound up in the future a sum of £1.00 will be paid from ATC towards the debts.
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9. To receive a letter from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre on Charitable Status
Members received the letter
RESOLVED
Members NOTED the content
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10. To receive quotes for updating the notice board at Alfreton House
Item taken in exclusion of the press and public
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11. To nominate a representative to the DCC Forum
Members considered the item
RESOLVED
Councillor J Walker was nominated and ACCEPTED the nomination
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12. To consider rental offer of Room 10
Item taken in exclusion of the press and public
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13. To receive a quotation on Legionella Risk Assessment at Alfreton House
Item taken in exclusion of the press and public
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14. To discuss a protocol for access to the House of Confinement
Member considered the requests for access to the House of Confinement
RESOLVED
- a. A protocol is to be prepared in consultation with Lead Member Councillor K Wood and S Walker along with Councillor Dolman and the Assistant Town Clerk for risk assessment completion, indemnities, time limits, key access and bond to be considered.
 - b. To be available at a future meeting of the Council
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15. To authorise the use of Council photos as promotional advertising for Richard's Nursery
Members considered the request
RESOLVED
To allow the use of photos of the van and gardens as promotional material
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16. To agree a date to meet with Trent Barton

Members discussed the item and considered a date for a meeting along with a convenient location

RESOLVED

To hold a public meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at Memorial Hall, Grange Street.

17. To consider a response to Alfreton Grange Arts College

Members discussed the details received in the letter which invited parents, staff and governors to hear about future plans

RESOLVED

Write an open letter to the Interim Executive Board copying in representative from Derbyshire County Council, local MPs and unions along with the Head Teacher asking:

1. Why has no attempt been made to reply to the letters from Alfreton Town Council?
2. Why has no consultation of the wider community been carried out; surely the wider catchment, not simply existing staff, parents and governors ought to be invited to have a say in a decision which will impact on future generations of local residents ?
3. A simple explanation of why the Torch Academy wants to manage a school well outside their present 'catchment'?
4. Has a sponsor been confirmed for this Academy? What arrangements are in place if the sponsorship offer should fail to proceed?
5. What admission policy is proposed? Is there any likelihood of an admission charge?
6. What changes to the curriculum are anticipated?
7. How can an 850 pupil based financial structure be sustained with an anticipated reduced intake of 450 pupils? How does this affect the planned P.F.I.?
8. Can you give assurance that the land and buildings will be maintained as a whole and not disposed or dispersed?
9. What provisions have been made available for the displaced 6th Form students to continue with their studies?
10. What arrangements are in place to assist those students who have applied to enter the sixth form to find a satisfactory alternative?
11. Can the Town be assured of continued Secondary School Education in Alfreton?
12. Why did the IEB focus on a single solution rather than explore other options, for example a hard federation?

Councillor M Bennett confirmed the Civic Service will be held on 27th September 2015

The Responsible Finance Officer(RFO) confirmed that the query relating to VAT in the Parish Annual Meeting was due to an outstanding VAT claim for £4384.59.