ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2014 AT ALFRETON HOUSE HIGH STREET ALFRETON.

PRESENT;

Councillor G Dolman Mayor

Councillor Mrs M Bennett MBE Deputy Mayor

And Councillors:

Mrs M Brown, P Hunt, J Walker and S Walker, P Woodhouse

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from

J, Brown, M Kerry and S Marshall-Clarke (other commitment) J Gdula and A Richardson (holiday)

2. Public Participation

There were no items for Public Participation.

3. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

M Bennett and J Walker Item 12h To receive an update on an objection to planning application

AVA/2014/0791, Land At Salcombe Road

S Walker and J Walker Item 12c To consider sponsorship of Alfreton Town Football Club

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 items are taken in exclusion:

12a To receive an update on Rodgers Lane toilet

12b To consider RFO appointment to the Assistant Town Clerk

RESOLVED

That items 12a and 12b are taken in exclusion of the press and public

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

Item 12j was taken at this point: To receive a report on congestion with school traffic Members heard a short report on issues with parking around Town especially near schools.

RESOLVED

That the Police monitor the complaint and raise the concerns with the schools involved.

That Town Council will establish the intentions for the bus park owned by Alfreton Arts Grange College

Member discussed reports of parking on pavements. Alfreton Police will monitor this.

Members raised concerns with increased A board advertising.

RESOLVED

The Police officer present agreed to remind businesses of the regulations for siting of advertising boards.

A member raised concerns from residents in Ley Gardens and the introduction of CCTV.

RESOLVED

To inform residents to raise concerns directly with the Police

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6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 8th July 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 8th July 2014

Amendment required pg3, J Brown and J Walker returned to the meeting

RESOLVED

They are confirmed as a correct record with the amendment made

7. After consideration to approve the signature of the Minutes of 8th July 2014 by the person presiding as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2014 were signed by the person presiding.

8. To hear a presentation from Alfreton Male Voice Choir for their grant application of £906.75. (item 12h(I) also refers)

To be heard later

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

Members heard that the Mayor of Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) will attend the Remembrance Parade on 9th November 2014 in Alfreton.

Officers confirmed that a meeting is being held on Thursday 25th September 2014 with an Officer from AVBC regarding the Lease of Alfreton House.

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. Executive Committee 29th July 2014

Members asked for an update on item 7. This related to damaged paving outside of Oxfam. The paving is uneven outside Greenwoods.

RESOLVED

Obtain owner details of properties on unadopted road and ask for action to repair

Item 8 was heard at this point: To hear a presentation from Alfreton Male Voice Choir for their grant application of £906.75. (item 12h(l) also refers)

Members heard a presentation from the Secretary of Alfreton Male Voice Choir. The grant would fund the pieces of music for their concert at Royal Albert Hall which is an opportunity to promote the town of Alfreton and the Choir.

RESOLVED

To make the decision at item 12l

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

- a. To receive an update on Rodgers Lane toilet ITEM HEARD IN EXLCUSION
- **b. To consider RFO appointment to the Assistant Town Clerk** ITEM HEARD IN EXLCUSION

c. To consider sponsorship of Alfreton Town Football Club (ATFC)

Members discussed the sponsorship and are happy with the relationship, ATFC continue to honoured their deal to ATC.

RESOLVED

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To continue with the sponsorship of ATFC for £3000.00 and present the cheque at a home match at half time in October.

d. To consider membership renewal to Society of Local Council Clerks

Members discussed the report

RESOLVED

To renew the membership at a cost of £147.00

e. To receive correspondence and to endorse action of sending a letter regarding Alfreton Swimming Pool

Members considered the letter and the response received.

RESOLVED

Members endorsed sending the letter and are satisfied with the response received

f. To receive details of a Wind Turbine proposal in Blackwell

Members RECEIVED and NOTED the details.

g. To receive details of service provision concerns at Alfreton Railway Station

Members discussed the report and the concerns with reduced staff levels and obtaining tickets for travel.

RESOLVED

Write to Network Rail to raise the concerns regarding delay in DDA provisions and to obtain the current position and when works are likely to start

Write to East Midlands Trains regarding concerns with obtaining train and car park tickets and staffing of the Office. It was also agreed to send a copy to Amber Valley Borough Council.

h. To receive an update on an objection to planning application AVA/2014/0791, Land At Salcombe Road

Members received the report.

RESOLVED

- 1. The removal of the bund will result in the loss of the acoustic barrier which will lead to unacceptable levels of noise from the industrial estate for the adjacent residential areas. When part of the bund was removed earlier this was found to be the case and remedial work was enforced by Amber Valley Borough Council on Collis Engineering.
- 2. It should be noted that when planning permission was given for the Catherine Court development (AVA/2001/0037) condition 15 and 16 of that permission took account of the noise sensitive issues in this area and required a suitable buffer area incorporating mounding arrangements. This work was carried out under the supervision of an acoustic engineer. It is our view that this bund should remain in place as AVBC originally specified.
- 3. We also believe that this development will result in loss of division between the residential area and the industrial estate.
- 4. We also believe that the access to the development is onto an unsuitable and substandard road.

i. To consider supporting Women's Institute with Well Dressing in Alfreton

Members agreed that this would be a good event for the town and bring visitors to Alfreton **RESOLVED**

That support is offered for the use of the Council Van and GMO for moving displays along with permission to use the grounds of Alfreton House

j. To receive a report on congestion with school traffic

Heard at item 5

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k. To receive a report on partnership working and establishment of an environmental and regeneration master plan for Alfreton

Members heard an update from the Town Clerk and discussed the details of the report.

RESOLVED

- i. That the Town Clerk is formally instructed to correspond with the Borough Council to seek their partnership involvement in initiating and delivering an 'Environmental and Regeneration Master Plan for Alfreton'
- ii. That a working group of Elected Members is created with delegated powers to lead such a plan and that the members involved are: Leader, Deputy Leader and Lead Member and Support member for Environment Sport and Regeneration.

I. 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. Alfreton Male Voice Choir (£906.75)

Members heard a presentation from Paul Stone.

RESOLVED

Grant £906.75 and purchase advertising banners on their behalf 'supported by Alfreton Town Council'

ii. Blueys (£450.00)

Members discussed the application

RESOLVED

Defer to a future meeting, ATC to create a policy for awarding grants to Sports and Social Clubs with a report to October Full Council.

13. To receive reports from representative on Outside Bodies.

Members heard from Councillor M Bennett, ACTS representative.

RESOLVED

To pay the sum of £30.00 on receipt of an invoice for ACTs membership.

To invite ACTS to perform traditional songs around the real tree at 5pm on the Event night.

14. To authorise the signing of orders for payment.

The accounts shown as Appendix 1 of the minutes were received and payments of £17169.39 were approved for July and £9754.43 for August 2014.

Additional payments were approved as follows:

	CHEQUE NUMBER	AMOUNT £	BUDGET
PAYEE	_		
Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC)	100039	35.00	Personnel (Training)
Tailor Made Computer Services	100040	93.00	Administration