

FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7:00PM IN ROOM 1

Present

Mayor: M Kerry

Councillors: M Bennett, G Dolman, J Dolman, P Hunt, K Moss, C O'Brien, A Richardson, J Walker, S Walker and P Woodhouse

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were RECEIVED from

Councillors: P Bennett (illness), J Gdula (prior arrangement), S Marshall-Clarke (prior commitment) and K Wood (family emergency)

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

Declarations were RECEIVED from Councillors:

S Walker

Item 11b To consider an MBA student`s report on future governance for the Town Council and Local Council Award Scheme membership.

P Hunt, J Walker and S Walker

Item 11e – Car Parking for the Football Ground

J Walker

Item 13 Planning Applications

3. Public Participation

There were none

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

RESOLVED

That items

11c To consider an upgrade and redesign of the website and e mail system

11e Car Parking for the Football Ground

are taken in exclusion of the press and public.

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

The Police offered their apologies as no-one could attend.

Members heard an update from the Assistant Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

To write to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing their concerns with communications with the Police if they are not able to attend the Town Council Meetings.

6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on:

a. Tuesday 20th December 2016

RESOLVED

Members READ and CONSIDERED the minutes

Update

h i iii Alfreton Heritage Trust

Permission has been granted to replace the gargoyle on the Old Town Hall building.

f Resident Complaints

Members heard that no reply had been received and another concern was raised that there had been no facility for emergency call outs over the Christmas period. Members **RESOLVED** to write to the Chief Executive of Futures Homescape with an invitation to attend a Council Meeting to respond to concerns.

11(l) Re-route of Trent Buses

Members **RESOLVED** to invite Trent Buses to a meeting with the Mayor to which all Members will be invited also.

7. After consideration to approve the signature of the Meeting Minutes of:
a. Tuesday 20th December 2016

RESOLVED

The Minutes were APPROVED as a correct record

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.

Members noted the Staff Hours and asked for a more detailed report to the Executive Committee and it to be an item on the agenda of each future Executive Committee.

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

There have been no committee meetings.

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

- a. To set a budget and subsequent precept for the financial year 2017/2018
Members discussed the report and

RESOLVED

- a. That the attached budget proposal is accepted.**

- b. That the new method of calculating the base for precept levels is noted and accepted as the Town Councils forward policy.**

- c. That a precept of £148,190.00 is set.**

- d. That the Town Council claims the final year of the Council Tax grant of £7,158.00 in addition to its precept. Totalling £155,348.00.**

- b. To consider an MBA student`s report on future governance for the Town Council and Local Council Award Scheme membership.

Councillor S Walker talked through the report and then took no part in the discussion or vote.

Members discussed the details of the reports received
RESOLVED to accept the following recommendations and to report to the April Meeting on specific resource hours and timescale.

1. To embark on a process to obtain **quality level membership** of the Local Council Award Scheme.
2. The application is treated as a project that is to be **independently resourced**.
3. **Two champions are appointed**, one from the staffing resource, and a Councillor as Lead Member for implementation.
4. A **partnership is formed** with a local council which has achieved the award; some expenditure for this service should be budgeted for.
5. Upon forming a partnership and establishing the independent resource, a **suitable timeframe** to satisfy all stakeholders should be agreed.
6. All officers and Elected Members should be **involved** in the decision making process, and **fully support** any application.
7. A **budget of £3,500** should be set to cover the implementation costs identified, membership fees, travel costs and support from a partnering Council.

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- c. To consider an upgrade and redesign of the website and e mail system

This item is to be heard in exclusion.

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- d. To receive an e mail regarding Scrutiny Review of Broadband Access

Members

RESOLVED

To support faster broadband access to Alfreton and ask for the housing growth which will be taking place in Alfreton in the future to be taken in to account.

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- e. Car Parking for the Football Ground

ITEM TAKEN IN EXCLUSION

- f. To receive correspondence regarding Polling Stations

Members discussed the details received in the report and expressed their concerns with the timescale required for a response

RESOLVED

That a response is sent reaffirming the earlier concerns, which were, that when the Polling Station was moved to the Community Hall on Mansfield Road the Town Council raised concerns that the distance that some electors had a 2 mile round trip, passing other polling stations on their way to exercise their vote. Also an additional 400+ houses will be added to the ward in the next 5 years. The Town Council suggests that a more suitable location would be at the Christ the King Hall which already houses the polling station and has adequate space and parking facilities along with disabled access

- g. To consider an application from South Normanton Area Foodbanks (3540.00)

Members considered the detail in the report and

RESOLVED

- a. Given the remaining balance in the Grant Budget, an approved grant is offered for 2016/17 of £465.00.**
- b. That the foodbank are invited to submit the grant in April 2017 for the 17/18 financial year for the full costs of £3540.00**
- c. That for the initial year the grant is paid monthly to the Foodbank.**

- 12.To authorise the signing of orders for payment.

RESOLVED

December Payments: £16956.40 was approved

- 13.To consider Planning Applications

RESOLVED

That the report received and actions taken are ratified and approved

- 14.To consider 4 topics for communication

Broadband Consultation

Budget 2017/18

Concerns with Futures Homescape

Revamp of Website