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MINUTES OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 18th JULY 2023 AT 7PM IN ROOM 1

Present:

Town Mayor: Councillor H Jowett-Frost

Councillors: M Bennett MBE, J Gdula, M Kerry, S Marshall-Clarke, A Richardson, J Whetton, S Sounes, D Taylor & K Wood

Staff: T Crookes, Town Clerk & V Johnstone, Deputy Town Clerk

# **MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL**

## 49/23 To receive apologies for absence

**RESOLVED**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors;

J Walker (Work commitment)

S Walker (Holiday)

## 50/23 To receive any declarations of interest from Members

Items 58/23 a. & 59/23 g. Councillor H Jowett-Frost, Personal/Non DPI, to remain in the meeting

Item 59/23 d. Councillor H Jowett-Frost, DPI, tenant of Alfreton House, to leave the meeting

Item 58/23 a. & 59/23 g. Councillor D Taylor – Personal/Non DPI, to remain in the meeting

Item 58/23 a. & 59/23 g. Councillor M Kerry, Personal/Non DPI, to remain in the meeting

## 51/23 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings

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a. For the purposes of minute taking an Officer will record the meeting audially and delete the files once the draft minutes have been produced.

## 52/23 Public Participation

There were none

## 53/23 To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public

*Items 59/23 c. To receive an update on the Allotment disposal due to commercial sensitivity*

*59/23 d. To receive a report on Rental Reviews due to GDPR*

## 54/23 To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available

Officers were unable to attend

## 55/23 To read and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 20th June 2023 copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were read

## 56/23 After consideration to approve the signature of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 20th June 2023 by the person presiding as a correct record

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were approved as a correct record

## 57/23 To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting

There is none

## 58/23 To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees and working groups

1. Youth Provisions Steering Group notes and updates

**RESOLVED**

* 1. That the notes are received and noted
  2. That the Town Council monitor the support given over the next 3 months and provides a report to a future meeting to establish what provision to provide to the group
  3. That Officers are instructed to write to the local Derbyshire County Councillors and Borough Councillors to ask for their support

1. Christmas Lights Committee Minutes for noting

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were noted

## 59/23 To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.

1. To consider a response to the East Midlands Railway Modernisation Consultation (Alfreton – EMR (eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk)

**RESOLVED**

That a press release and response is sent to the consultation as follows;

Alfreton Town Council are very concerned to learn about the Governments proposed closure at the town's stations ticket office. The well publicised issues with no disabled access remain unresolved, and there is a distinct lack of detail in the consultation documents. It remains unclear:

1. If the toilet facilities at the station will remain available as they are currently.

2. If the only indoor heated and weatherproof waiting room will be retained.

3. If the current staffing hours will be replicated with the new mobile roaming staff.

4. How services, rovers and tickets not available via mobile, vending or online will be administered.

5. What the arrangements will be for disabled people requiring help at the station.

The proposals seem short sighted, short of detail, and are fundamentally flawed. The Town Council is therefore totally opposed to the proposals and calls for them to be dropped immediately.

1. To receive details of the proposed residential development on land west of Chesterfield Road, Alfreton

**RESOLVED**

* 1. That the details are noted
  2. That the details are shared on social media to raise awareness for those who may not have received the consultation

1. To receive an update on the Allotment disposal

**RESOLVED**

That the update is noted

That Officers contact Derbyshire County Council to raise issues with the condition of the footpath

1. To receive a report on Rental Reviews

**RESOLVED**

1. That all rents for Alfreton House tenants are increased by 4% from 1st August 2023

2. That the allotment rent remains static for 2023/2024

3. That following good practise, notice is served on the allotment associations to review and increase rent from April 2025

4. That waste removal and maintenance is no longer provided by the Council

1. To receive the Tour of the Town observations

**RESOLVED**

1. That the town will be divided into 4 sections, monitored by 2 Councillors per section

2. That a report is brought to a future meeting to consider the purchase of Town Council branded polo shirts & fleeces, high vis vests and photo identification badges

1. To receive a report on an additional recycling bin

**RESOLVED**

That an additional 1,100 recycling bin is purchased at a cost of £ 398.75 per annum

That replacement keys are ordered for the existing bin and a key provided to each tenant, asking them to ensure the bin is locked after each use and that only the appropriate waste is recycled

1. To receive a report on Youth Services

**RESOLVED**

That the youth services budget of £6000.00 is paid to AYUP to support the outreach services through Blend

## 60/23 To ratify the signing of orders for payment

**RESOLVED**

The accounts were approved:

To receive and approve payments for June 2023 £13,155.01

To approve the bank reconciliation for June 2023 £105,676.73

## 61/23 To receive reports from Members who may have attended Outside Bodies meetings

ACTS - Councillor M Bennett – Next meeting scheduled for September 2023

Alfreton & District Heritage Trust – Councillor K Wood shared that the Trust are working hard to have a more visible presence in the town

Amber Valley Access – Position vacant

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers – Councillors S Marshall-Clarke was unable to attend the recent meeting. Councillor Jowett-Frost attended the 40th Anniversary open day

## 62/23 To note correspondence received

No correspondence has been received

## 63/23 To consider 4 topics for communication

**RESOLVED**

Station

Youth Provision

Success of Summer Event

Memorial bench unveiling

## 64/23 To review and approve the following policies:

**RESOLVED**

1. There are none

## 65/23 To consider Planning Applications – 2 applications have been received since the last meeting

a. To receive a report on protecting land off Chesterfield Road, Alfreton

**RESOLVED**

That the planning committee work with SOCAG to evidence the value of the land and approach the borough for protection.

Ref – AVA/2023/0491

Address – Firs Gardens Community Centre, Firs Gardens, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7FU

Proposal – Replace rotten timber box sash windows with UPVC sliding sash windows ground floor only.

Decision Expected – 16th August 2023

No comments

Ref – AVA/2023/0514

Address – The plantation, King Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7TT

Proposal – Replacement of roof and roof lights to unit 1 an recoating the metal roof cladding sheets to unit 2.

Decision expected – 15th August 2023

No Comments

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**66/23 To receive written reports from AVBC Councillors**

A verbal report was received by Councillor S Marshall-Clarke

The meeting heard that since the last Full Council meeting, Borough members have been focusing on Environmental & Planning Issues:

Pressure is being applied to DCC regarding the opening of the new children’s play area in Alfreton Park

Planning Enforcement – Entrance into Damsted Park

Councillor Marshall-Clarke has a meeting scheduled with the AVBC cabinet member for Environment to discuss Seven Square, he will also raise lack of toilet facilities in Alfreton Park

**Date of next meeting: 19th September 2023**

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