



Stonehouse Town Council

Town Hall, High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire GL10 2NG

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council meeting)
OF A MEETING OF STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27TH JANUARY
2014 COMMENCING AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present: Chairman/Town Mayor Chris Brine
Vice Chairman Simon Lewis
Councillors John Aldis, David Drew, Roger Govier, Anthony Howarth,
Carol Kambites, Gary Powell, Vicky Redding, Clare Sheridan,
Paul Stephens, Pam Swain, Theresa Watt

Also Present:
Town Clerk Gill Jennings, District Councillor Mattie Ross
County Councillor Lesley Williams, 2 members of the public
Kate Wilson (Stroud News & Journal)

TC1417 To receive Apologies for Absence
Apologies were accepted from Cllr Rob Waite

TC1418 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the Adopted Model Code of Conduct, to declare personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable

None declared

TC1419 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16th December 2013

Proposed: Gary Powell Seconded: Vicky Redding

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

TC1420 Presentation by John Jeynes (Stonehouse Community Partnership) & Anna Buckland (Global Arts Inc) (15 minutes duration)

Stonehouse Community Partnership have formed a partnership with Global Arts Inc. Gloucester a not for profit Social Enterprise company to deliver a five-year social cohesion project in Stonehouse. The project is designed to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, encourage appreciation of the environment, its heritage, whilst encouraging intergenerational support and respect. The project wishes to explore how Stonehouse Town Council can assist.

Anna Buckland explained the scope of the project which is to develop appreciation of local heritage, culture and environment working through a collaborative partnership of business, schools and the community. The outcome aim is to develop a community building as a centre for arts/exhibitions/events. It was envisaged that Oldends Lane pavilion offered a potential development opportunity. The project would be launched with an inaugural event, Stonehouse Arts Festival, which will offer a work experience programme to young people. The project is aiming to fulfil 13 targets of community benefit. John Jeynes explained that Stonehouse Community Project were already engaged with the community regarding the Festival but the project would require £2000 towards further community engagement costs.

Members present agreed that the desired outcome of the proposals could be beneficial to the community and Resolved that the Town Council should support the project in principle.

TC1421 Adjournment for Public Participation (to a maximum of 15 minutes)

Cllr Kambites requested that the Arts Festival consider incorporating the Adopt a Station group in the creation of murals. Jim Dickson stated that the History Group were interested in incorporating displays relating to Stonehouse during World War I. Councillors welcomed the concept of the Festival. The funding request would be referred to Finance & Strategy Committee.

TC1422 Ship Inn Site

To consider a report on proposals made by the District Council and to agree a response.

Extract from SDC Minutes "That the Council markets the Ship Inn site, Stonehouse for disposal by long lease for a use which benefits the community and local economic growth, subject to a further report back to this Committee to consider any offers received and delegates authority to the Head of Asset Management to determine the appropriate length of lease term."

Concern has been expressed by Town Councillors that this review meeting is intended to take place on the 27th March. Following lengthy discussion the Council Resolved that the Clerk should write to Stroud District Council welcoming the restrictions on use but requesting that sufficient time is allowed to find a suitable purchaser.

TC1423 To Receive Minutes of the Development Control Panel Meeting of the 6th January 2014

Members may address questions to the Chair.

No questions. Councillor Brine mentioned that a revised consultation regarding S13.1498/FUL Brunsdons Yard required response before the next meeting therefore Councillors were asked to submit their individual comments to the Clerk for a collective response.

TC1424 To Receive Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee Meeting of the 6th January 2014

Cllr Swain requested that the Committee ensures that the County Council do not replace the advertising boards on the bus shelters earmarked for replacement.

TC1425 To Receive Minutes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group of 17th January 2014

Cllr Swain congratulated the Working Group on the progress made.

TC1426 To Receive Minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee Meeting of the 13th January 2014

Cllr Swain requested that the reference to SH4Y was changed to SHYP (K3/92.3)

TC 1427 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Meeting held on the 20th January 2014

For Resolution:

K1/83.3 To agree the recommendation of a budget for 2014-15 in the sum of £230638 and to request a Precept of £209800.

Proposed: Carol Kambites Seconded: Vicky Redding

The Council agreed the resolution.

K1/83.4 To appoint Iain Selkirk as Internal Auditor of 2013-14 accounts.

Proposed: Gary Powell Seconded: Theresa Watt

The Council agreed the appointment.

TC1428 To receive Brief Reports from County/District Councillors/Town Councillors

A written report on Javelin Park is circulated (Cllr David Drew)

Cllr Drew explained that his report was focused on one issue of objection in order not to repeat other objections.

County Councillor Lesley Williams urged councillors to take part in the consultation "Joining Up Your Care". The bridge works on the M5 were causing serious delays.

The County Council were still trying to reduce the budget by making further savings and the Strategic Economic Plan is in draft form. The County were consulting on the effects of the badger cull on communities. To date 20 homes in Gloucestershire had been flooded which was less than the 2007 event.

District Councillor Mattie Ross stated that Stonehouse Community Project need to include sheltered housing tenants in the Arts Festival as she had attended a very lively community choir rehearsal. She had been to a business breakfast in the Council Chamber which had been well attended. She had noted that County Council were intending to give each County Councillor £50,000 to spend on health & wellbeing in their wards. Stroud District Council will be installing a lift to enable better access to the Council chamber.

District Councillor Gary Powell said the policy on scrap metal merchants was working well with pending prosecutions.

TC1429 Finance

1. The Council are asked to agree payments to date in January

Payments totalling £3931.39 were agreed.

2. The Council are asked to agree recommended changes to the Pensions Dispensations Regulation 16 and Regulation 83.

The Council agreed not to allow these dispensations which had previously been included in the draft on recommendation from Glos County Council.

TC1430 Matters for Brief Discussion

1. Stroud District Council have asked Parish & Town Council's to support their resolve to write to the Secretary of State requiring the Government to amend the National Planning Policy Framework by removing the over-riding presumption in favour of alleged sustainable development by giving Local Plans over-riding priority.

The Town Council agreed to support the District Council with a letter to the MP.

2. SDC's response regarding Standish Hospital site.

The District Council had intimated that the hospital site was not protected in the local plan.

The Town Council felt that this was not acceptable since the local plan might have allowed resistance to redevelopment. Clerk to write to Head of Planning voicing this concern.

TC1431 Matters of Information

1. SDC are consulting on the Electoral Review and have also issued a policy on Private Sector Housing Renewal

2. Glos County Highways will be refurbishing Queens Rd traffic signals between 17th February and 14th March which may cause delay to traffic

The Council were concerned that there was going to be so much disruption and money spent on lights which appeared to be working well. Clerk to write to GCC asking why this work is necessary.

TC1432 Dates of Future Meetings

Councillors may suggest items for the following meetings:

10 th February	Development Control Panel	6.15pm
10 th February	Regeneration & Environment Committee	7pm
17 th February	Staffing Committee	6.15pm
17 th February	Amenities & Recreation Committee	7pm
24 th February	Finance & Strategy Committee	7pm
3 rd March	Training Session (Council Only)	7pm
10 th March	Town Council	7pm
