



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council Meeting)
Of a meeting of STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017 AT 7PM IN
THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

Present: Chairman/Town Mayor Cllr Theresa Watt
Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Pam Swain
Gwen Atkinson, Jo Byrne, John Callinan, Deborah Curtis, Ray Clegg, Neil Gibbs,
Tim Jackson, Carol Kambites, Gary Powell, Paul Stephens

Also Present:

Gill Jennings Town Clerk, County Councillor Lesley Williams, Reporter Stroud News & Journal

TC1843 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Trevor Baker (family reasons). Apologies were received from District Councillor Mattie Ross.

TC1844 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.
There were no declarations of interest

TC1845 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th MARCH 2017

The Minutes were proposed for agreement by Cllr Kambites, seconded Cllr Clegg, all in favour.

TC1846 TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO ADVERTISE THE EXISTING VACANCY WHICH AROSE FROM THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION

Further to debate, Cllr Gibbs proposed, Cllr Swain seconded that the council advertised the existing vacancy. A recorded vote was requested by Cllr Clegg.

Against:

Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Byrne, Cllr Curtis, Cllr Clegg, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Powell, Cllr Stephens

Abstained:

Cllr Watt, Cllr Kambites, Cllr Callinan

TC1847 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 minutes)

There was no adjournment called.

TC1848 TO RECEIVE REVISED DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR OLDENDS LANE CARPARK AND CONSULT WITH COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Plans were available for viewing.

TC1849 TO RECEIVE AND REQUEST REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO STONEHOUSE

Cllr Williams had no further reports regarding the UBB cable route but had requested that the matter returns to the Town Council, the Labour Group will ask for the construction work to be halted whilst a report by R4C is investigated. A consultation was currently underway regarding usage of Maidenhill sports centre which is not being used to capacity.

Cllr Jackson reported he had attended the last UBB liaison meeting where it was stated that £28000 would be made available for community projects from UBB in July 2019.

TC1850 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS (external meetings)

Cllr Watt reported that a meeting had taken place earlier in the evening between Stroud District Council and the Town Council to discuss the future of town centres. A report will be compiled by SDC following consultation with Stroud, Nailsworth, Wootton and Dursley.

TC1851 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel meeting held on 20th March 2017

The Minutes were noted.

TC1852 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee held on 20th March 2017

The Minutes were noted.

TC1853 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities Recreation and Tourism Committee held on 27th March 2017

The Minutes were noted.

TC1854 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee held on 3rd April 2017 and to agree amended Co-option Policy and Council Strategy for adoption at the AGM

The Council were asked to accept the amended Co-option Policy:

Proposed for acceptance by Cllr Swain/seconded Cllr Clegg. A recorded vote was requested.

For:

Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Byrne, Cllr Curtis, Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Powell, Cllr Stephens, Cllr Swain, Cllr Clegg, Cllr Kambites, Cllr Watt

Against:

Cllr Callinan

The Council were asked to accept the amended Council Strategy:

Proposed for acceptance by Cllr Swain, seconded by Cllr Byrne, All in favour

A Resolution was made regarding earmarked reserves (late papers)

The Council were advised K1/370 that funding should be set aside to cover the overheads of the Post Office. It was proposed by Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Swain that an allowance of £6500 should be made in earmarked reserves and that if an adjustment to existing requirements was necessary to ensure this and adequate general reserve it should be taken from Oldends Redevelopment. All in favour.

TC1855 To consider whether the Goodwill Event should become a council led event

The current volunteers were no longer willing to organise the event. The Council debated the effort and work involved. It was agreed that the event was worthwhile and improved wellbeing. Cllr Kambites proposed/Cllr Byrne seconded that the Council's Events Working Group and Customer Services Administrator takes on the administrative role with assistance from volunteers who would run the event. Further they proposed that the Council should underwrite the costs in the sum of £2000 to be taken from the Grants budget in anticipation that these costs would be recovered. All in favour.

TC1856 To receive Minutes or a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Group

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th March had been circulated by email earlier in the day.

Cllr Kambites advised the meeting that the draft plan had been submitted and a presentation would be given at the Annual Town Meeting to explain the work carried out and the referendum process.

TC1857 FINANCE

1. To consider details of the intermediate external audit - The Council were advised that this year the auditors were looking for evidence that the Council had properly considered assertion 8 of the Governance Statement. She was preparing the response.
2. To agree payments and receipts totals to 31st March, agree committee reports and bank reconciliation

Payments for March £108077.50 were agreed as correct by unanimous vote

Receipts for March £76855.14 were agreed as correct by unanimous vote

The bank reconciliation at £110917.39 was agreed by unanimous vote

The Committee reports were not available.

3. To agree payments due in April - A payment schedule was not available.

TC1858 To Agree Proposals for Resolutions to be put to GAPTC AGM

The Council had not prepared any proposals.

TC1859 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24 April 2017 Annual Town Meeting

22nd May 2017 AGM