

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the **Full Town Council**, which was held on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 6.30pm.

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PRESENT

Councillor G. Francis	Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps	Mayor-Elect
Councillor S. R. Dobson	
Councillor M. P. Cooper	
Councillor W. B. Cavill	
Councillor B. Castle	
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford	
Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow	
Councillor N. J. Fogg	
Councillor M. Gray	
Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson	
Councillor M. C. Curtis	
Councillor P. B. Cossey	
Councillor A. R. Ross	
Mr Derek Smithers	
Mr Malcolm Ward	
Mr Nigel Kerton	Wilts Gazette & Herald
Graham Gittins	Town Clerk
Jonathan Mansfield	Civic Secretary

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PRAYERS:

The Mayor opened the meeting with prayers.

513/04 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman had no announcements.

514/04 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. L. Parker and Councillor R. J. Allen.

515/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

516/04 MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the special meeting, which was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2005 be taken as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

## HMS MARLBOROUGH DECOMMISSIONING:

The Mayor asked Councillors to vote on (a) the Terms of Reference, (b) a budget allocation of £5,500.00 and (c) delegated powers for spending of £250.00 and above.

Referring to item (4) on the Terms of Reference, Councillor W. B. Cavill asked to add that the Working Group could co-opt another replacement member in the case of sickness, absenteeism or resignation of a normal member; this was agreed.

Councillor S. R. Dobson stated that there was no need to have item (6) in the Terms of Reference. Councillor Dobson also stated that £5,500.00 was too high and that he and many other Councillors would be prepared to pay for their own meal and suggested a budget of £3,000.00.

Debate followed on whether Councillors would be willing to pay for their meals and if a budget of £5,500.00 would be adequate. The Mayor suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Smithers to explain each item of expenditure.

Following the debate it was proposed by Councillor S. R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor M. P. Cooper that the budget allocation be reduced to £3,000.00, failed by 10 votes to 3 votes with 1 abstention. Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps asked for a named vote to be recorded.

## AGAINST

Councillor A. R. Ross  
 Councillor P. B. Cossey  
 Councillor M. C. Curtis  
 Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson  
 Councillor M. Gray  
 Councillor N. J. Fogg  
 Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow  
 Councillor B. Castle  
 Councillor W. B. Cavill  
 Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps

## FOR

Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford  
 Councillor M. P. Cooper  
 Councillor S. R. Dobson

## ABSTAIN

Councillor G. Francis

Referring to the delegated powers form, Councillor W. B. Cavill proposed that the signatories included the Deputy Mayor. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow and unanimously agreed. Councillor S. R. Dobson stated that he wanted the title of Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee removed from the list.

The Mayor asked for Councillors to vote on the recommendations as listed on the Agenda that the Terms of Reference be accepted, the budget allocation be set at £5,500.00 and that delegated powers for spending of £250.00 and above.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow and –

RESOLVED: By 10 votes to 1 votes with 2 abstentions to accept each of the recommendations.

WORKSHOP HEATING:

The Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee, Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow, asked for ratification of the decision to accept the quotation for renewing the Workshop heating immediately using supplier (A) in the sum of £826.66 + VAT.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow, seconded by Councillor P. B. Cossey and –

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the quotation and to undertake the work immediately.

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Meeting closed at 7.08pm