

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2009** in the **Court Room, Town Hall, Marlborough** at **7.00pm**.

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor N. Fogg Councillor G. Francis Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor A. Ross Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor Mrs E. Fogg Councillor R Notton Councillor Mrs M Rose Councillor A Spranger Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor S. Radnedge Councillor R. Pitts	Mayor
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr Liam Costello Mrs Linda Chapman Father J Blacker Mr. N. Kerton Mr. G. Adams PC Stan Boardman	Town Clerk Civic Secretary Mayor's Chaplain Wiltshire Gazette and Herald Advisor Community Beat Manager Wiltshire Constabulary

Plus 27 Members of the Public

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**NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.**

#### PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain opened the meeting with prayers.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**Val Compton** – Would this Council consider taking measures to reduce anti social behaviour. This needs to be taken seriously, and therefore would Marlborough Town Council consider making all public spaces in Marlborough alcohol free.

**The Mayor** – We will consider this.

**Val Compton** – Drinking in the town is causing considerable problems.

**The Mayor** – We only have control over certain areas but will put on a future agenda.

**Nigel Kerton** – Had noticed that more and more properties are putting out seating and other obstructions under the pent roof is this a public right of way.

**The Mayor** – I have been given to understand that the area under the penthouses is owned by the property but there be a right of way issue and we will look into it.

## **CRIME AND DISORDER**

The Mayor welcomed PC Stan Boardman

**PC Stan Boardman** stated that the Mop Fair passed off peacefully with no incidents of note .

Noteworthy crimes in the town were a small series of vehicles being broken into in the Chiminage / Acres area, about 5 in total, but only on one occasion did they manage to steal items, a quantity of tools .

The Town NPT were extending their surgeries and now being held in St Peters church and the Library on a monthly basis. The dates for these are advertised on the Wiltshire police website.

**Val Compton** – would the police in general support alcohol free zones as in Devizes.

**Stan Boardman** – in principle the police would support a ban

**Councillor Mrs P Dow** – I would like you to pass on my thanks to PCSO Mark Braithwaite for sparing the time to come along to the Friendship Club.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Claire Rooney from Wiltshire Police gave a report on the Recreation Ground, Salisbury Road (copy previously circulated).

**Councillor R Pitts** – gave a report on phase 11 of the Salisbury Road project (copy to be distributed at the meeting).

**Councillor Castle** – The lighting on the property owned by Wiltshire Council and in the Recreation Ground needs to be repaired and the pressure is on Wiltshire Council to get these lights working.

Austin Shepherd gave a summary on the young people's park and the reasons it is needed.

## **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS TO AND FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

**Councillor R Notton** – Wiltshire Council take a lot of money from parking in the town and I have noticed over enthusiastic traffic wardens booking a disabled gentleman for being 12 inches over the yellow line and outside of Waitrose a car parked 6 inches outside the dotted line and also received a ticket. We need to see people coming into the town.

**The Mayor** – I agree that parking is a serious issue. We are looking into the whole question and will take your comments into consideration.

**Councillor G Loosmore** – It has been six months since the election and I feel that we should receive some sort of a report from our Wiltshire Council representatives as to what is going on at Wiltshire Council. I understand the Chief Executive has been replaced. A brief report from our Councillors would be appreciated.

**Councillor Mrs P Dow** – I am sure that between us we can report at the Full Town Council meetings.

**The Mayor** – would take this on board.

### **377/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Dobson, Mrs E M Hannaford –Dobson and Mrs C Jackson

### **378/09 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **379/09 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nomination forms for Mayor and Deputy Mayor must be received by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

A tree will be planted in the Priory Gardens in memory of Mick Plank on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am Councillors are invited to attend.

Councillors attending the Civic Dinner will be asked by the Beadle to gather their guests and make their way to the Assembly Room at 7.20pm.

I have received a letter from Tim David the Chairman of The Brandt Group thanking the Town Council for hosting the reception for the Alikali and Nyansimba of Gunjur. They returned home full of praise for the reception they received and they feel that it has really cemented the link.

I have received a letter from Warrant Officer Paul Jeynes the Parade Marshall at the Remembrance Parade. On behalf of the 4MIB he would like to thank us for being

invited to take part in such a poignant occasion and he will look forward to taking part again next year.

There were a few teething difficulties but these have been noted and will be eradicated from next years Parade.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November I attended the Worshipful Company of Saddlers Dinner in London I was an honoured guest together with our MP Michael Ancram and Mr David Sherratt. The Saddlers Company was founded in 1365. The Master this year is our very own David Chandler who sat in this particular Mayor's chair on 2 occasions.

I was honoured to be invited to Marlborough New Zealand for their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and I was overwhelmed by their hospitality. I was given an extremely punishing schedule.

I was honoured to present them with a painting by local artist Brian Hanlon on behalf of the Town Council and in return was presented with a photograph by Kevin Judd of the Wither Hills Vineyard.

As a result of a meeting with Alistair Sowman Mayor of Marlborough and other representatives, proposals were formulated to make Marlborough UK a showcase for Marlborough New Zealand. We will actively pursue this in the months to come.

#### **380 /09 MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor N Fogg, seconded by Councillor G Francis and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council held on the 12th October 2009.

#### **381/09 SPORTS RELIEF**

The Committee considered a request from Marlborough and District Junior Athletics Club for assistance.

Alison Leese and Richard Cooper of MADJA gave a report regarding the possibility of holding a Sports Relief event in Marlborough on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 with up to 300 people taking part in 3 races.

**The Mayor** – Would this mean the High Street being closed.

**Alison Leese** – Yes it would

**The Mayor** – I would like to offer our support as a Town Council.

**Councillor Mrs E Fogg** – Why no discussion with only Sainsbury's.

**Alison Leese** – Sainsbury are the official sponsor of Sport Relief.

**Councillor A Kirk Wilson** – It is a good idea and deserves our support.

**Councillor G Loosmore** – The work on the Pewsey Bridge Closure may have an impact on the road closure.

**Alison Leese** – Will look into it.

**Councillor A Ross** – Fully support this event.

The Mayor – If you need any help please contact us.

382/09

**TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.**

a) Proposed by Councillor G Loosmore, seconded by Councillor S Radnedge and -

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Property Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

b) Proposed by Councillor G Loosmore, seconded by Councillor B Castle and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

c) Proposed by Councillor A Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs P Dow –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

d) Proposed by Councillor A Ross, seconded by Councillor R Pitts and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

e) Proposed by Councillor G Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs E Fogg and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October and the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

**383/09 TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING AND MAKE RESOLUTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN WHERE NECESSARY.**

a) Proposed by Councillor G Loosmore, seconded by Councillor S Radnedge and -

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Property Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 be received and adopted.

b) Proposed by Councillor B Castle, seconded by Councillor G Loosmore and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009, be received and adopted.

c) Proposed by Councillor A Ross, seconded by Councillor R Pitts and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be received and adopted.

**384/09 SALISBURY ROAD**

The Council received a report from Councillor R Pitts regarding the play equipment for Salisbury Road, Recreation Ground (copy to be distributed at the meeting).

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs P Dow and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Town Council accept one of the tenders and decide which particular scheme during the Part 2 deliberations.

**385/09 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

a) To consider appointing a representative to the Wiltshire Market Towns Forum.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor A Ross, seconded by Councillor Mrs P Dow and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that Councillor A Kirk Wilson be appointed as the Town Council's representative to the Wiltshire Market Towns Forum and that the Town Clerk also attend.

b) To consider appointing a representative to the NHS Wiltshire Community Forum.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P Dow, seconded by Councillor G Loosmore and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that Mrs Val Compton be appointed as the Town Council's representative to the NHS Wiltshire Community Forum.

**386/09 REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

a) The Council received a request for free use of the Town Hall on Christmas Day for the Marlborough OAP Christmas lunch.

After a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P Dow, seconded by Councillor B Castle and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Council donate the use of the Town Hall for the Christmas lunch.

b) The Council received a request for funding towards the cost of the Marlborough OAP Christmas lunch.

After a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor N Fogg, seconded by Councillor Mrs P Dow and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Town Council donate £100.00 towards the cost of the Marlborough OAP Christmas lunch.

**Councillor G Loosmore left the meeting at 8.10pm**

**387/09 SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The Council received a report from the Finance and Policy Committee on the adoption of a Scheme of Delegation.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R Pitts, seconded by Councillor T Spranger and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that this agenda item be deferred until the Full Town Council meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**388/09 PURCHASE OF MOBILE PHONE, LAPTOP COMPUTER AND PROJECTOR SYSTEM**

The Council considered the purchase of a mobile phone, laptop computer and projector system.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor S Radnedge, seconded by Councillor Mrs P Dow and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Town Clerk be delegated to purchase a mobile phone, laptop computer and projector system up to a budget of £1500.

**389/09 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

a) October, 2009.

The Council received the Schedule of Accounts for October 2009.

This item was noted.

**390/09 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES**

The Council received the Town Council Balances – 31 October 2009.

This item was noted.

**391/09 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

- a) Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – Annual Report 2008-2009
- b) Marlborough Area Development Trust – Newsletter Autumn 2009

It was agreed that the above items be noted.

**392/09 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

No questions had been submitted.

**393/09 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by Councillor N Fogg, seconded by Councillor A Ross and –

**RESOLVED :** unanimously that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

**394/09 TENDERS**

The Council considered the tenders for Phase II of the Salisbury Road Skateboard Project.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R Notton, seconded by Councillor R Pitts and

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the contract be awarded to Maverick.

**Mrs Linda Chapman left the room at 8.50pm**

**395/09 PERSONNEL ISSUES**

To consider the recommendations from the Staffing Committee meetings held on the 26th October 2009 and the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Proposed by Councillor Francis, seconded by Councillor Ross and –

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously that honorarium payments be paid to Mrs Fry and Mrs Chapman.

**396/09 SEALING OF THE DOCUMENTS**

Proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Francis and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Common Seal of the Marlborough Town Council be affixed to all documents necessary to give effect to the decisions of the meetings of this Council.

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The meeting closed at 8.57pm