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## **WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. April 2023, at 7.00pm, in the Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. MK18 3HF

**Present:** Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Cawte, Cornell, Goss, Hamley, Keys, Onley, Slevin, van de Poll and Wiseman.

**Absent:** Cllrs. Castle, Cawdell . Apologies accepted.

**Clerk:** C Loch

**In attendance:** Buckinghamshire Councillor J Chilver. Apologies from Bucks Cllr. B Stanier. One member of the public was present. No press were present.

#### **23/29 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

None

#### **23/30 Minutes of Meetings held 2nd. March 2023:**

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

##### **Matters Arising:**

In respect of the Community Board grant requested for the North Bucks Bike Ride, it was explained that the Board was unable to make a further grant for the same project. Lions could of course apply for a grant for other projects or events.

#### **23/31 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

#### **23/32 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:**

**Authorisation of payments:** Members considered the payments listing totalling £30,855.45 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment. It was also RESOLVED to authorise payment of the next Jet Construction invoice once Certificate 9 confirming the invoice amount was received.

##### **Annual Town Meeting:**

The guest speaker would be the Head of Furze Down School. Committee Chairs were reminded to submit committee reports by April 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest if they had not already done so. It was noted that East West Rail would be making a presentation at the meeting. Buckinghamshire Councillors would not be able to attend as it clashed with one of their meetings.

#### **23/33 Correspondence Received:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

#### **23/34 Reports from Outside Bodies**

**AVALC.** It was reported that AVALC and SVALC had held a combined meeting to discuss areas of common interest.

**Rogers Educational Trust:** The next meeting would be in June or July.

#### **23/35. Committees**

##### **Amenities:**

Members noted the matter of the possible installation of a dropped kerb at the East end of the car park. It was RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next Council meeting for further consideration.

The Committee had recommended the purchase of replacement hedge trimming equipment and it was RESOLVED that this be purchased from the Devolution budget. It was also noted that the car park barrier was in need of modification or replacement and it was RESOLVED that a replacement barrier be purchased as part of the s106 allocation for fitting out the Public Hall.

##### **Development:**

No items were raised for discussion.

##### **Events:**

Members heard of plans for the Coronation weekend. While photographs had been requested for the history archive, GDPR regulations had to be observed. The Farmers Market continued to thrive with several

new stalls including Olives and Fruit and Veg. Monty Pie Man would attend the Coronation Market. The new 3B radio would attend the Coronation Farmers Market to interview traders, volunteers and local shops.

**Finance & Resources:**

The next meeting would be on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**23/36 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors**

Buckinghamshire Cllr. Chilver reported that Buckinghamshire Highways had now replaced Transport for Bucks and would use multiple contractors to provide more competitive tendering for projects. Work on pot holes had been delayed by the rain and it was noted that the EWR passing bays will be adopted and retained by Bucks. Although the 30mph speed restriction on the Buckingham Road had been extended, the signage had not been installed.

**Community Board Matters**

Members heard of ideas that the Economic Uplift Group had for revitalising the area and Winslow in particular. At this stage there were no firm plans and it would be necessary to coordinate with the Winslow Action Group. It was possible that the Community Board might be able to assist in funding projects but in all cases any planning or highways regulations or other permissions must be observed.

The Council website “What’s On” diary was now operational and being loaded with various events,

**23/37 Current Strategic Issues**

**East west Rail**

It had been announced that Chiltern Rail would be operating the Oxford to Milton Keynes service. Significant roadworks could be expected as EWR started to reinstate roads which had suffered from construction traffic. Roads adjacent to depots such as Furze Lane would be the last to be done.

**Winslow Modified Neighbourhood Plan**

The Plan had been approved at referendum and would now be made by Buckinghamshire Council. Members expressed their appreciation for the hard work of Cllrs. Bishopp and Slevin.

**Community Centre**

The project was completed and handed over on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Council noted the excellent work by PCMS architects and Jet Construction. Landscaping to the front of the building would be completed at the appropriate time.

**Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.**

*Members considered the matter of the development of the Winslow Centre Site by Buckinghamshire Council and in view of commercial considerations RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded due to the sensitivity of the business to be discussed).*

Members heard of outline proposals for the development of the centre site and sports hub and possible WTC involvement. It was RESOLVED that WTC should continue to discuss the involvement in principle.

The meeting was again open to the public.

**Items for Information:**

EWR would hold a drop in session in the St. Laurence Room on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting would be held on Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>. It would be the Annual Council Meeting.

Meeting Closed 20.19 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chair) at Meeting ..... (date)