

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: J Barron, A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, I Forster, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, D Michell, H Sharp, S Shepherd, S Thurgood, I Tucker

APOLOGIES: Councillor M Free

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
County Councillor A Gloak MBE
County Councillor T Napper
PC M Pople
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer
David Greenway – Town Crier

Public participation

Malcolm Allen presented a letter to the Town Council regarding recycling in the Town.

Andrew Willis was concerned about the future of the library as he had heard that the Street and Glastonbury Library will be managed by one person and that staff leaving are not being replaced. Councillor Gloak said he was waiting for a reply from the Chief Executive of Somerset County Council on the matter. Councillor Napper said that the library will be kept open and there is an Assets Meeting tomorrow to discuss how the building would work as a community hub, including the library.

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Unity candle and a moment for quiet reflection.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Cousins and N Cottle – Personal interest – Mendip Credit Union.

17. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor Gloak provided a written report.

18. REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY BEAT TEAM AND PRESENTATION FROM MR DRAKE, COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

PC Pople invited members to the next PACT meeting being held at the Town Hall on 2nd July 2014 at 7pm. He reported that the mobile Police Station would soon be returning to Glastonbury.

Mr Terry Drake gave a short presentation on Community Speed Watch and encouraged people to volunteer. He said he would provide full training on how to

use the new laser equipment and how to record data. Safety clothing is provided. Councillor Thurgood said she would be prepared to co-ordinate the Glastonbury volunteers. Mr Drake confirmed that there are 12 active sites in Glastonbury all which have been risk assessed.

19. PRESENTATION FROM MATTHEW CHENEY, MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL LEGACY FUND 2014-2015

Matthew Cheney explained that in early 2013 Mendip District Council set up a fund to support projects which benefit local communities and provide a lasting legacy. This year the fund is £200,000. Eligible projects should be between £5000 and £30,000 and the deadline for applications for 2014-2015 is 1st August 2014. Mr Cheney is administering the scheme and interested parties should contact him at Mendip District Council to discuss the eligibility of their project. Monitoring and evaluation will be undertaken by Mr Cheney.

He said that the Community Environment Fund receives applications for projects up to £5000.

20. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Board held on 20th May 2014 were noted.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on 20th May 2014 were received and approved.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27th May 2014 were received and approved.
- e) The minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 27th May 2014 were received and approved.
- f) The minutes of the meeting of the Heraldry Committee held on 29th May 2014 were received and approved, with the word 'crudely' removed.
- g) The minutes of the meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 4th June 2014 were received and approved.

21. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND ANNUAL RETURN FOR 2013-2014

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement had been circulated to members for approval following a satisfactory inspection by the Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2014, be approved and adopted.

22. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments, now submitted, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes be approved and signed by two members as the Town Clerk's authority to make the payments.

23. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor J Brunsdon reported that as Heritage Champion for Mendip District Council he would be attending the conference in Birmingham on 'Achieving Local Outcomes through Heritage and the Historic Environment'.

Councillor Coles provided a written report.

Councillor Henderson said that the Glastonbury Fringe 19th-30th June 2014 would be opening at 11.30am on 19th June at the Market Cross. There is a website for full details and many acts have registered. There will be a tent with impromptu performances on the Market Cross.

Councillor Cottle reported on the licensing board and the Mendip Family Focus Project.

Councillor Tucker again asked whether there had been any progress with signage to car parks. Councillor Henderson said that the responsibility would appear to have been taken on by Somerset Highways.

The Town Clerk was asked to look into producing a QR code to be placed on the Website with directions to other car parks in the town.

24. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Napper gave a verbal report.

25. TOR SPORT AND LEISURE

Councillor Sharp explained that Mendip District Council have all its sport facilities out to tender. They have not ruled out Fields in Trust for Tor Sports and Leisure and will consider again when a preferred bidder is found. The final decision on the preferred bidder will take place in November 2014.

He wished members to know that the Friends of Tor Leisure who made the original village green status application for the Benedict Street site have the best interests of sport and recreation in mind, whilst Mendip District Council clearly wish to retain at least 50% of any redevelopment in future.

26. LAND AT STREET ROAD

Malcolm Allen asked the Town Council to consider using land at Street Road as a Community Land Development Trust using shipping containers as Housing Co-operative start-ups.

The Town Clerk was asked to find out details of homeless in Glastonbury before taking the matter further. She was also asked to contact the owners of the site following complaints that the site is an eyesore and needs attention.

27. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor D Michell Second: Councillor A Black

'That this Town Council opens an account with Mendip Credit Union and deposits an amount (as savings) to enable financial and social returns; helping those in need, within our community'.

Sue Barnett was present to explain how the Credit Union operates.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council deposits £5000 in a corporate account with Mendip Credit Union.

28. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor S Thurgood Second: Councillor J Cousins
'That this Town Council makes arrangements to survey and renovate the front stonework façade on the Town Hall'.

Councillor Thurgood explained that she was concerned about the Town Hall stoneworks and therefore had brought forward this notice of motion so action could be taken prior to the next Town Hall meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council should implement a survey of the Town Hall front façade.

29. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposer: Councillor D Michell Second: Councillor N Cottle

'That Glastonbury Town Council, with regard for Glastonbury's great diversity, reaffirms its commitment to representing the whole community and will not discriminate in favour of, or preference to, nor against any individual or group in respect of their 'protected characteristics': age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief (including no religion and no belief), sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, and pregnancy and maternity.'

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to reaffirm the Town Council's commitment.

30. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting the Mayor had represented the Town at Bath Mayor Making when Mary Berry was given the Freedom of the City of Bath, the Ladies Skittles League finals and the Harvest Show competition.

31. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Keery reported on recent work to the Austin Memorial Almshouses.

32. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner Police and Crime Plan 2014-17
- b) Somerset County Council – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- c) Chedzoy Parish Council – Response to letter from Glastonbury Town Council opposing the proposed Hinkley Point C development.