

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 29th May 2012 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Keery and P Preston (absent due to family commitments)

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk
PC M Pople
County Councillor A Gloak
Gary Knight – Macebearer
Terry Dowden – Macebearer

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Brunsdon and Cottle – Personal interest – Tor Leisure
Councillor Sharp – Personal interest – Glastonbury Surgery

16. POLICE REPORT

Sergeant French reported on the police activities since the last meeting.

17. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on 2nd May 2012, were received and noted. Councillor Sharp said a further meeting had taken place this morning when Mendip YMCA were asked to put together a proposal to run the youth club at Windmill Hill. The next meeting will be held in July 2012.
- b) The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 8th May 2012 had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a true record with the following amendments: Councillor Forster member of the Town Hall and Planning Committee only.
- c) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15th May 2012, were received and noted.
- d) The minutes of the meeting of the Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board held on 15th May 2012 were noted.

Councillor Cousins said that after consulting with SALC and the District Monitoring Officer today, he would like to highlight a point of order. When a member of the Council sits on the Board of another Authority, as a representative of the Council, he is under the Council Code of Conduct. Therefore he would like to ask Councillor Free that as he felt he should resign from the Burial Board should he not also resign from the Town Council.
Councillor Free declined to comment.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION

The news at this time was that Avalon Leisure was the preferred provider appointed to manage Tor Leisure. The decision will be made on June 11th 2012. Councillor Sharp and Henderson wished the notice of motion to remain.

It was proposed by Councillor H Sharp, seconded by Councillor S Henderson and **RESOLVED** that Glastonbury Town Council rejects resident development on the Tor Leisure site but wishes Mendip District Council to pursue negotiations with a professional outsider provide of sport and leisure.

Councillors Brunsdon and Cottle abstained.

The Town Clerk was asked to invite Avalon Leisure to a future Town Council meeting.

The Mayor asked the working group to look whether the accommodation for Scouts and Sea Cadets would continue on the site.

19. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Following a request from the Mayor, the Town Clerk had circulated a short report regarding Committees. The report highlighted that Standing Orders need to be amended to allow the Planning Committee delegated powers, to allow voting rights for community members of committees

It was **RESOLVED** to amend Standing Orders to grant the Planning Committee delegated powers.

The Mayor asked the Committees to consider what delegated powers they would require, if any and whether they require their community members to have voting rights.

The amendment to Standing Orders remains on the table until a future meeting.

20. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Written reports were received from Councillors Coles and Henderson.

Councillor Brunsdon announced the sad news that Sarah Guscott, former External Funding Officer for Mendip District Council had recently passed away.

21. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The County Councillor report had been circulated via email to the Councillors.

The County Council reported that traffic wardens would soon be returning to Somerset.

22. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that he had represented the Town on 14 occasions since the last meeting.

He presented a past Mayor's badge to Councillor Knight.

23. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Thurgood congratulated the organisers of the Olympic Torch event.

Councillor Sharp asked the Town Clerk to send out the Town Council agendas with more than the three clear days notice.

Councillor Cottle said that he would hope that the Town Council could form a Twinning committee. The Mayor said that traditionally in Glastonbury Twinning committees have been run outside of the Town Council. Councillor Cottle was asked to come back to the Council with a proposal regarding a twinning committee for the Town.

Councillor Coles reported that Glastonbury Fringe would be taking place from 21st June 2012 – 2nd July 2012. Sara Clay will report on the event at the next meeting.

24. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET 2011-2012

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the Annual Return and Governance Statement 2011-2012 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 2012, be approved and adopted.

25. SUITABILITY OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was **AGREED** that Probusiness remains suitable to carry out internal audits for the Town Council. None of the Town Councillors declared an interest in Probusiness.

26. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2012-2013

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Probusiness as internal auditors to the Council for 2012-2013.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered:

- a) Audit Commission – Glastonbury Town Council – Consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012-2013 and future years. There was **NO OBJECTION** from the Town Council that Grant Thornton have been appointed to carry out the next external audit.
- b) Glastonbury Surgery Patient Participation Group – Lack of adequate parking at Glastonbury Surgery, Feversham Lane.
It was **AGREED** to advise the Group to contact Proper Job to request to use their car park as an overflow for the Surgery car park.

The following correspondence was noted:

- c) Strode College – Invite to End of Year Show on 18th June 2012.

The Town Clerk had been handed a letter from the Friends of Tor Sport and Leisure informing the Town Council of the formation of the group. The aim of the

group is to ensure that all the land and buildings at Tor Sports and Leisure are retained for recreational purposes for the benefit of the community in perpetuity.

Councillor Sharp said that the preferred provider in 3 years time will need a long lease and therefore the ground should be protected for 25 years.

28. 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.

Councillor Cousins abstained from the vote.

Mayor, 29th May 2012