

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held at The Bowman Centre
on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr A Williams (Mayor), Cllr D Kuczera (D Mayor), Cllr M Verbinnen, Cllr R Yuill, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr M Devendran, Cllr R Crook, Cllr T Edwards, Cllr J Jaconiah, Cllr S Hedge, Cllr M Brannon, Cllr E Taylor, Cllr A Brindley

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk), Mrs A Mambery (Admin Officer)

VISITING PUBLIC: 3

		ACTION
	<p>Public questions/statements</p> <p>Questions were put regarding the breakdown of lease negotiations between the Town Council and the History Centre CIO and the future running of the centre. Councillors were also asked the cost to Salisbury Museum of displaying the Amesbury Archer.</p> <p>It was reported that the Angel of Mons and the Bowman of Agincourt statues at Antrobus House would be removed by 25th November. Antrobus House will hopefully be displaying a 20ft statue of a WWI soldier in October 2022. The Town Council was thanked for its support with these projects.</p>	
1.	<p>To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Swindlehurst (in hospital) and Cllr Strange (at another meeting). The Clerk reported that Cllr Brindley would be late for the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>To receive declarations of interest from members.</p> <p>Cllr Crook would declare an interest as necessary through the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 5 October 2021</p> <p>The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>Zero Tolerance Policy</p> <p>The Mayor reported that the policy, if adopted, would protect staff and Councillors against abusive, unreasonable and vexatious complaints. The Clerk confirmed that the policy from Peterlee Town Council would be adapted to fit the Amesbury Town Council's needs and would work in conjunction with the complaints policy.</p>	
5.	<p>To form a Climate Change Committee</p> <p>Cllr Yuill, Cllr Jaconiah and Cllr Edwards agreed to work as a committee.</p>	Clerk
6.	<p>To form a Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Devendra, Cllr Brannon and Cllr Jaconiah agreed to work as a committee.</p> <p>Cllr Brindley entered the meeting.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies:</p> <p>CATG: Redworth Drive Bollards – to resolve to contribute 25% towards the cost of installing bollards, total contribution of £250.</p>	

	<p>Proposed: The Mayor Seconded: Cllr Mitchell Resolved: to contribute £250 towards the cost of installing bollards at Redworth Drive</p>	ACTION
8.	<p>To discuss the possibility of the Town Council taking on ownership and maintenance of the Lynchets The Mayor reported that the Lynchets are a scheduled monument which has been added to the At Risk Register this year. Proposed: Cllr R Crook Seconded: Cllr Mitchell Resolved: to take on the ownership and maintenance of the Lynchets.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Payment of accounts: to note the income and expenditure for October 2021 The Town Clerk confirmed this would be emailed to Councillors after the meeting.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>To agreed to extend the current Grounds Maintenance Contract for one year. The Mayor reported that there was still work to be done in putting together the details of a new contract. There is likely to be a significant increase in work with the transfer of assets from Wiltshire Council. The Mayor believed that the best option was to extend the current contract for one year, during which time the details could be worked out. Councillors were informed that a request had been made to increase the cost for the coming year. To be discussed by the Finance Committee Proposed: Cllr E Taylor Seconded: Cllr R Yuill Resolved: to extend the current Ground Maintenance Contract for one year and to look into the cost.</p>	Clerk / Finance Committee
11.	<p>To resolve to set up a data storage facility for information on ASB issues to assist the Police and Wiltshire council Councillors were concerned about GDPR. ASB is a police matter and it was considered unnecessary for the Town Council to be involved in this manner.</p>	
12.	<p>To consider an application for a variation to a premises licence at the New Inn. Consideration was given to the removal of the condition for outside music, enabling live music to be played into the early hours of the morning. It was determined that this would interfere with others in the town, including nearby residents. Councillors do not object to the addition of a bar, but do object to outside music. Proposed: Cllr A Williams Seconded: Cllr A Brindley Resolved: to object to the application due to the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>To resolve to exclude the public/press for the following items due to the</p>	

	<p>confidential nature of discussing contracts</p> <p>It was resolved to exclude the public and press for the following items.</p>	ACTION
14.	<p>To agree the purchase of a projector and screen for the Bowman Centre as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee</p> <p>Cllr D Kuczera confirmed that the projector and screen would only be used within the Bowman Centre and that it would not be used for hire outside the centre. Concerns were raised over the high cost of the project and if it would be used. Cllr D Kuczera confirmed that it would be a real asset for the Bowman Centre and could be used for Town Council meetings and Community theatre projects.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr M Verbinnen Seconded: Cllr I Mitchell Resolved: to accept the quotation from Projectorpoint for the ViewSonic LS831WU projector and Forest AV 200 Fast Fold Projection Screen.</p>	Clerk
15.	<p>To receive a recommendation from the Finance Committee for purchase/hire of barriers.</p> <p>The barriers will be put around the town's Christmas Tree on health and safety grounds.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr R Yuill Seconded: Cllr M Verbinnen Resolved: The Mayor is to source some barriers. If unsuccessful, they will be purchased as per the Finance Committee's recommendation.</p>	Mayor
16.	<p>To receive a recommendation from the Finance Committee for the purchase of fencing at the Centenary Play Park</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr R Yuill Seconded: Cllr M Verbinnen Resolved: to accept the quotation from Sutcliffe Play.</p>	Admin Officer
17.	<p>Date of next meeting: 7.15pm on Tuesday 7th December 2021</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8pm</p>	