



Ross-on-Wye Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council
held on Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.00pm
at The Corn Exchange, High Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 5HL

Present: Councillor H Bramer – Chairman
Councillors C Bartrum, V Coker, P Cutter, N Gibbs, R Mayo, D Ravenscroft, P Symonds,
J Roberts, C Utting and J Utting

In attendance: Mrs R Lewis – Project Officer
There were two members of the press present.

18/07#118 Apologies for Absence

[Local Government Act 1972 S85 \(1\)](#)

Councillor C Bennett, Councillor C Gray, Councillor J Gren, Councillor J Hyde, Councillor H Lerego,
Councillor D Lister and Councillor R Gibbs

RESOLVED – to accept the apologies given

18/07#119 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cutter declared a Schedule 1 Interest in Agenda Item 18/07 # 128 as there is a cheque made payable to his business.

18/07#120 Applications for Dispensations

None

18/07#121 Report from Ross Police

The PCSO had nothing to report but offered answer any questions. She had been advised of more vandalism, including the setting of small fires at the Skate Park prior to the meeting. Councillor Cutter thanked the police for putting up signs to say that police were available to the public at the Police Station.

Councillor J Utting asked about vandalism at the Sports Centre. It is regularly patrolled and seems to be better.

Cllr Bramer asked about the new order for public drinking. It is about to go out for consultation and will take time but is in hand. Cllr Roberts asked that it is given to the Planning & Development Committee to look at during the consultation period.

7.06pm *PCSO left the meeting*

18/07#122 Public Participation

Cllr Utting had been approached by a parent who was concerned as to why the railings had been removed from the Roman Way Play Area. Cllr Mayo explained that the railings were deemed unsafe, (post and rail with nails sticking out) and did not fit the criteria for replacement.

18/07#123 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public

[Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act 1960](#)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

There was no confidential business to be transacted.

18/07#124 Full Council Meeting Minutes

[Local Government Act 1972 schedule 12 para 41\(1\)](#)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the annual meeting of Council held on Monday 11th June 2018.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the annual meeting of Council held on Monday 11th June 2018 be signed as a correct record.

18/07#125 Committees – To receive and note the minutes of the following meetings and approve any recommendations;

Amenities Committee

12th June 2018

Proposed: Councillor Mayo
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor N Gibbs

RESOLVED – to approve expenditure to a maximum of £500.00 from the Skatepark Earmark Reserve to re-instate the artwork at the skatepark;

AND RESOLVED – to approve expenditure of up to a maximum of £820.00 from the Property Portfolio Sinking Fund for works at Blake Memorial Gardens;

AND RESOLVED – to approve expenditure from the Property Portfolio Sinking Fund in the sum of £825.00 to engage the Parish Lengthsman to undertake partial resurfacing of the pathway at St Mary's Churchyard.

Planning & Development Committee

5th June 2018

Policy & Management Committee

18th June 2018

Councillor Ravenscroft reminded members that they would need to update their Register of Interests in the light of the new Code of Conduct.

Proposed: Councillor Cutter
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Ravenscroft

RESOLVED – to recommend adopt the amended Code of Conduct;

AND RESOLVED – to accept the amended Standing Orders and leave to stand adjourned without discussion until the next ordinary meeting of the Council;

AND RESOLVED – to approve expenditure from the Property Portfolio Sinking Fund in the sum of £3800.00 plus vat for the purchase of x2 stainless steel doors to be installed at Red Meadow toilets.

Finance & Personnel Committee

25th June 2018

Planning & Development Committee

26th June 2018

RESOLVED – to receive and note the minutes

18/07#126 Mayor's Announcements

To receive a verbal report from the Mayor.

The Mayor reported that in his first full month as mayor he has attended twelve events including a visit to the Light Infantry Museum at Suvla Barracks and the installation of the Mayor of Gloucester in Gloucester Cathedral. In addition, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Coker had attended a further nine events.

The Mayor thanked those who had already sponsored him for his sponsored walk along the length of the Thames in aid of Papyrus. Details are through Just Giving (link on website).

Finally, the Mayor brought Herefordshire Council's Launch of the Responsible Dog Owners Campaign on Wednesday 11th July to the attention of councillors and reminded them of the Proms in the Park event on 22nd July at the Bandstand.

18/07#127 Finance– Income & Expenditure 2018/2019

[Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015](#)

To review the budget information for the year to date.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

7.24pm *Councillor Cutter left the meeting*

18/07#128 Finance – Accounts for payment

[Local Government Act 1972 s150 \(5\)](#)

To review and note items of expenditure paid since the last meeting and approve schedule of updated payments.

Proposed: Councillor Mayo
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor J Utting

RESOLVED – to approve the accounts for payment.

7.25pm *Councillor Cutter returned to the meeting*

18/07#129 Finance – 2018/2019

To review and confirm schedule of payments for 1st quarter for Direct Debits, BACS payments and manual cheques (report enclosed).

Proposed: Councillor Mayo
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor J Utting

RESOLVED – to approve and confirm the schedule of payments.



18/07#130 Reports from official representatives on Outside Bodies

To receive reports from Councillors appointed to represent the Town Council on the following bodies:

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| Association of Ross Traders | Cllr C Bennett | Not present |
| Basement Youth Trust | Cllrs C Bartrum, D Lister | Nothing to report |
| Betzdorf Twinning Association | Cllr P Cutter | Nothing to report |
| Board of the Community Association | Cllrs C Gray, C Bennett | Nothing to report |
| Cinema Group | Cllr C Bennett | Not present |
| Condé Twinning Association | Cllr J Roberts | An invitation has been sent to the Mayor to join the group on visit next year, 2-6 May 2019 |
| Education Foundation | Cllr J Roberts | No meeting |
| Friends of St Mary's | Cllr C Bartrum | Cllr Bartrum is walking 100 miles of western boundary of the Hereford Diocese (in and out of England and Wales, mainly along Offa's Dyke) at the end of September to raise funds for the Friends. |
| HALC Area Committee | Cllr D Ravenscroft | Meeting clashes with tonight's council meeting |
| HALC Executive | Cllr D Ravenscroft | No recent meeting but HALC were to support an application by Breinton Parish Council for a 40mph zone on all the unclassified roads in the parish. |
| Market Towns Forum | Cllrs D Ravenscroft, V Coker | Nothing to report |
| Mental Health & Wellbeing | Cllrs C Bennett, H Lerego and J Roberts | Preparations on the structure of the group are being finalised for the public launch in the Autumn |
| Namutumba Twinning Association | Cllr J Roberts | Nothing to report |
| Parochial Church Council | Cllr R Mayo | Meeting in on Wednesday 11 th July |
| Ross Charity Trustees | Cllrs N Gibbs, C Gray | No meeting |
| Ross Fairtrade Group | Cllr C Bennett | Not present |
| Ross Sports Club | Cllrs P Cutter, D Lister | No meeting |
| Town Team | Cllr J Utting | Nothing to report |
| Walkers are Welcome | Cllr J Utting | Nothing to report |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.33pm


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Chairman

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Diary Engagements: 12 June 2018 - 9 July 2018

| Date | Event | Location |
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| <u>The Mayor</u> | | |
| Tue 12 June 14:00 | Police Inspector | Chamber |
| Fri 15 June 10:45 | Civic Service Meeting | The Rectory, Ross-on-Wye |
| Fri 15 June 18:30 | The Herefordshire Light infantry Museum | Suvla Barracks, Hereford |
| Sun 24 June 14:00 | Violet Szabo Museum | Wormlow |
| Mon 25 June 11:00 | Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony | High Town |
| Fri 29 June 11:30 | Papyrus - Hazel Russell | Chamber |
| Sat 30 June 09:30 | Armed Forces Day Parade& Cathedral Service | 11 Corn Square, Leominster |
| Wed 4 July 17:30 | Gloucester installation: Choral Evensong | Gloucester Cathedral |
| Thu 5 July 18:30 | High Sheriff at Home | Bosbury |
| Fri 6 July 10:00 | Meeting with JKHS School Council | Chamber |
| Sat 7 July 14:00 | 70th Anniversary of the NHS | Ross Community Hospital |
| Sun 8 July 15:00 | Royal British Legion County Rally | St Peter's Church, Hereford |
| <u>The Deputy Mayor</u> | | |
| Mon 25 June 10:30 | Armed Forces Day | Market House |
| Tue 26 June 10:00 | Ross on Wye Means Business Expo | The Chase Hotel |
| Wed 27 June 14:30 | The Crewel Embroidery Group: Installation of tapestry | The Larruperz |
| Thu 28 June 16:30 | Special Event: SHYPP Performance | Ross-on-Wye Library |
| Thu 5 July 18:30 | High Sheriff at Home | Bosbury |
| Sat 7 July 12:30 | Picnic in the park | Ross Court Care Home |
| Sat 7 July 14:00 | 70th Anniversary of the NHS | Ross Community Hospital |
| Sun 8 July 11:30 | Country Music Festival | Sports field |
| Sun 8 July 14:00 | Annual Garden Party | Merton House |