



Ross-on-Wye Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council
held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.00pm
at The Corn Exchange, High Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 5HL

Present: Councillor V Coker – Deputy Chairman
Councillors C Bartrum, C Bennett, P Cutter, N Gibbs, R Gibbs, J Gren, J Hyde, H Lerego,
D Lister, D Ravenscroft, J Roberts, C Utting and J Utting

In attendance: Mrs S Robson - Town Clerk
There were two members of the press present and four members of the public.

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect following the death of Colin Gray, who was a serving councillor and former mayor.

18/09#131 Apologies for Absence
Councillor H Bramer

RESOLVED – to accept the apologies given

18/09#132 Declarations of Interest
Councillor Cutter declared a Schedule 1 Interest in Agenda Item 18/09 # 143 as there is a cheque made payable to his business.
Councillor Hyde declared a Schedule 1 Interest in Agenda Item 18/09 # 147– Consultation on Children's Plan being a County Councillor with responsibility within the Directorate for Children and Families.

18/09#133 Applications for Dispensations
None

18/09#134 Report from Ross Police
No police present

18/09#135 Public Participation
A local resident spoke to Members about the market and what the reasons were for it seemingly not thriving. A number of questions were asked relating to the management of the market. Observations were made about the beauty of the town that is being detracted from due to littering, cigarette ends and its generally dirty state. A question regarding responsibility was asked so that further enquiries could be made. It was noted that HC/BBLP had arranged a 'deep clean' in the town starting early on Wednesday morning, which was welcomed as a positive initiative.

18/09#136 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public
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.

No confidential business to be transacted.

18/09# 137 Full Council Meeting Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday 9th July 2018.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday 9th July 2018 be signed as a correct record.

18/09# 138 Committees – To receive and note the minutes of the following meetings and approve any recommendations;

Amenities Committee 10th July 2018

Planning & Development Committee 17th July 2018

Community, Markets & Tourism Committee 31st July 2018

Planning & Development Committee 8th August 2018

Proposed: Councillor Roberts
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor J Utting

RESOLVED – to approve, in principle, the installation of a Speed Indicator Device at four locations – Chase View, Archenfield Road, Ledbury Road and Walford Road and that the cost, subject to further approval, should be budgeted for in the next financial year once the Committee has looked further at the costings and makes a recommendation to the Finance Committee.

Policy & Management Committee 3rd September 2018 Deferred

Planning & Development Committee 4th September 2018 Deferred

The Planning Committee chair verbally reported the committee's decision to recommend refusal on the application for a barber shop in the car park at Morrisons.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the minutes.

7.35pm One member of the public left the meeting

18/09#139 Mayor's Announcements

To receive a verbal report from the Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor read a report on behalf of the Mayor outlining a larger number of events than usual attended on behalf of the Council during the summer months. There had been a number of fund-raising opportunities for the Mayor's charity and so far over £3000.00 had been raised.

18/09#140 Town Clerk's Report – to receive and note the update from the Town Clerk

The Clerk updated Members on progress to date on the following;

- Old Chapel Overage Restrictions/Conditions removed from the Title by the Land Registry
- Market House Lease to The Courtyard ready to sign – Sub Lease still in progress

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.



18/09#141 Neighbourhood Development Plan

To receive a verbal report from the Sub Committee Chairman on progress of the NDP to date.

Mr Reynolds addressed the Council and updated it regarding the Plan and its progress to date including the number of homes allocated to the sites. The Sub Committee is continuing to work with land owners to achieve the best possible outcomes for the sites. It was recognised that there is a high degree of community support needed to ensure the Plan's success. The completion timetable sets out the hope of reaching a referendum in early summer 2019.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

18/09#142 Finance– Income & Expenditure 2018/2019

To review the budget information for the year to date.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

7.50pm Councillor Cutter having declared an interest left the meeting.

18/09#143 Finance – Accounts for payment

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

Proposed: Councillor N Gibbs
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor J Utting

RESOLVED – to approve the accounts for payment.

7.52pm Councillor Cutter returned to the meeting

18/09#144 Motion that stood adjourned from meeting of 9th July 2018 (18/07 #125) to recommend to Full Council adoption of the amended Standing Orders.

Proposed: Councillor Ravenscroft
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Cutter

RESOLVED – to adopt the amended Standing Orders with immediate effect.

18/09#145 To appoint Members to the vacancies on the following; Planning & Development Committee, Amenities Committee, Personnel Appeals Panel

Proposed: Councillor Bartrum
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Lerego

RESOLVED – to appoint Councillor R Gibbs to the Planning & Development Committee, Councillor Symonds to the Amenities Committee and Councillor Hyde to the Personnel Appeals Panel.

18/09#146 To appoint Members to the vacancies on the following Outside Bodies; Board of the Community Association (Larruperz), Ross Charity Trustees

Proposed: Councillor J Utting
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor C Utting

RESOLVED – to appoint Councillor Lister to be the Council's representative to the Board of the Community Association and Councillor Roberts to the Ross Charity Trustees.



8.00pm Councillor Hyde having declared an interest left the meeting.

18/09#147 Herefordshire Council Consultation

To consider the Council's formal response to the Draft Children and Young people's Plan for Herefordshire [Deadline 30th September].

Members expressed some concern about the timing of the consultation over the summer months when many councils have a break and the opportunity to engage in meaningful consultation with so little time. The broad consensus was this document sets out a good vision statement outlining clear objectives. There were strong fears that with grossly cut budgets and rising costs there would be a severe impact on future plans. It was noted that vulnerable families have in many cases already set up action groups. Councillors approved the Plan with the caveat there must be adequate funding allocated to fund these objectives.

Proposed: Councillor J Utting
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Cutter

8.06pm Councillor Hyde returned to the meeting

18/09#148 Ross Library Development Group

To consider a request for a Council representative to act as a formal link.

Proposed: Councillor Lister
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor J Utting

RESOLVED – to appoint Councillor C Utting to be the Council's representative on the Ross Library Development Group.

18/09#149 Reports from official representatives on Outside Bodies


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

Association of Ross Traders	Cllr C Bennett	No meeting
Basement Youth Trust	Cllrs C Bartrum, D Lister	The good work continues with the unsung heroes who are volunteering their time and efforts to keep this vital work going. S106 monies to be investigated for utilising.
Betzdorf Twinning Association	Cllr P Cutter	Nothing to report
Board of the Community Association	Cllrs C Bennett, D Lister	Work continues to go ahead with building works towards fire safety improvements.
Cinema Group	Cllr C Bennett	The group is very active and have agreed the programme of films for the coming months.
Condé Twinning Association	Cllr J Roberts	Nothing to report
Education Foundation	Cllr J Roberts	No meeting
Friends of St Mary's	Cllr C Bartrum	A concert took place recently. A sponsored walk is taking place soon by Cllr Bartrum from 30/09/2018
HALC Southern Area Committee	Cllr D Ravenscroft	A presentation about Insurance based risk for parish councils. The Lengthsman are involved with clearing ditches in the County and concerns expressed about hazardous material. HALC conference 17 th November.
HALC Executive	Cllr D Ravenscroft	No meeting
Market Towns Forum	Cllrs D Ravenscroft, V Coker	No meeting
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Cllrs C Bennett, H Lerego and J Roberts	Nothing to report
Namutumba Twinning Association	Cllr J Roberts	Nothing to report
Parochial Church Council	Cllr R Mayo	Nothing to report
Ross Charity Trustees	Cllrs N Gibbs, J Roberts	No meeting
Ross Fairtrade Group	Cllr C Bennett	Working on status to become re-accredited.

Ross Sports Club	Cllrs P Cutter, H Lerego	Further damage which was accidental, irresponsible dog walkers are an on-going problem. Celebrity event for Juniors was very well supported. The Comedy Club still has some tickets for the upcoming event.
Town Team	Cllr J Utting	There are projects being planned.
Walkers are Welcome	Cllr J Utting	Festival tickets are going well, tickets are still available.

Although not an agenda item, Members were informed that following the Notice of Vacancy following Colin Gray's death a by-election had not been called for and therefore the Council would be able to co-opt a new Member. An extra ordinary meeting was agreed which would take place on Monday 22nd October at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm



 Chairman

8/10/2018

 Date

Diary Engagements: 10 July-10 September 2018

Start	Event	Location
	<u>The Mayor</u>	
Thu 12/07/2018 18:55	Sea Cadets Parade	Homs Road
Sat 14/07/2018 14:00	Open Day: Working Men's Shed	See below
Sun 15/07/2018 14:00	RBL Veterans Tea Party	The Larruperz
Sun 15/07/2018 19:00	Evening in Evesham	Raphael's Restaurant WR11 4BP
Mon 16/07/2018 14:00	Mayor's Meeting	Shire Hall
Sun 22/07/2018 11:00	Tour of Ross/lunch/Proms in the Park	Market House
Thu 26/07/2018 19:30	Welsh Musical Theatre Orchestra	The Courtyard, Hereford
Sun 29/07/2018 14:00	Charity Cream Tea	Dadnor Court
Mon 30/8-11/08	Charity Sponsored walk	
Sun 12/08/2018 14:30	Bandstand Collection for Papyrus	Bandstand Field to the rear of the Rowing Club
Sun 02/09/2018 10:00	Acorns Children's Hospice 10k/5k/Fun Run	Club

The Deputy Mayor

Wed 01/08/2018 14:15	Visit by Lord Mayor of Birmingham Yvonne Mosquito	Merton House
	Hereford 2018 Three Choirs Festival Chairman's Reception	The Town Hall, Hereford
Wed 01/08/2018 18:00		Ashburton Trading Estate
Sat 04/08/2018 12:30	Ross-on-Wye Town Carnival	Bandstand
Sun 12/08/2018 14:30	Bandstand Collection for Papyrus	President's Enclosure
Mon 27/08/2018 11:00	Ross Regatta	

