



Ross-on-Wye Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **Full Council**
held on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.00pm
at The Corn Exchange, High Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 5HL

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

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

18/10#150 Apologies for Absence

Councillor R Gibbs, Councillor R Mayo

RESOLVED – to accept the apologies given

18/10#151 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ravenscroft declared a Schedule 2 Interest in Agenda Item 18/10 # 161 as there is a cheque made payable to him for expenses.

18/10#152 Applications for Dispensations

None

18/10#153 Report from Ross Police

No police present – the Clerk was asked to write to the Police to invite them to attend future meetings.

18/10#154 Public Participation

A local resident spoke to Members about the waste disposal and recycling services in town and a request to increase the opening hours which will encourage recycling in the town. Support was sought from the county councillors to put a case forward and seek to improve the number of days the centre is open which would bring it more in line with other towns. A review at HC is being undertaken in an effort to maximise the amount of recycling happening in town.

18/10#155 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.

18/10# 156 Full Council Meeting Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday 10th September 2018.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday 10th September 2018 be signed as a correct record.

18/10# 157 Committees – To receive and note the minutes of the following meetings and approve any recommendations;

Policy & Management Committee 3rd September 2018

Planning & Development Committee 4th September 2018

Amenities Committee 11th September 2018

Community, Markets & Tourism Committee 18th September 2018

Proposed: Councillor Bennett
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Lerego

RESOLVED: to recommend to Full Council to purchase three sets of tree lights for Gloucester Road trees at a cost of £2578.20 from the EMR for Christmas Lights.

Finance & Personnel Committee 1st October 2018

RESOLVED – to receive and note the minutes and approve the recommendation.

18/10#158 Mayor’s Announcements

To receive a verbal report from the Mayor.

The Mayor reported he and his Deputy have been to a number of functions in the past weeks on behalf of the Council including the opening of a brewery, the Mayor of Bromyard’s Charity Dinner amongst a number of other engagements. A reminder was issued of the Mayor’s Charity event on 3rd November at the Larruperz, in addition to a Rowing Challenge at Ross Health & Fitness.

18/10#159 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;

- Application for Footpath Diversion – ZK9 across Homs Road car park
- Installation of coin operated door entry system in toilet blocks
- Casual Vacancy – Ross East Ward, the deadline for expressions of interest is Friday 12th October

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

18/10#160 Finance– Income & Expenditure 2018/2019

To review the budget information for the year to date.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

18/10#161 Finance – Accounts for payment

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

Proposed: Councillor J Utting
For: 13 Abstention: 1

Seconded: Councillor Gibbs

RESOLVED – to approve the accounts for payment.

18/10#162 Finance – 2018/2019

To review and confirm schedule of payments for 2nd quarter for Direct Debits, BACS payments and manual cheques.

RESOLVED – to unanimously receive and note the report.

18/10#163 External Audit /Annual Return for Year Ending 31st March 2018.

To receive and note the conclusion from the External Auditor's certificate and opinion and confirm a copy of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed.

The Clerk was thanked for her competent management of the accounts and the Members were pleased with the excellent result.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the External Auditor's certificate and opinion.

18/10#164 To consider request from Councillor Hannah Lerego for a leave of absence from Council business for a period of 5 months.

The Council was pleased to welcome Councillor Lerego and her family to the meeting and she explained her reasons for wanting to have a leave of absence effective from 23rd October after the Extra Ordinary Meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Bartrum
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Lister

RESOLVED – to approve the request for a Leave of Absence.

18/10#165 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	Clr C Bennett	No meeting
Basement Youth Trust	Clrs C Bartrum, D Lister	Plans to restructure the delivery of the service are underway.
Betzdorf Twinning Association	Clr P Cutter	Not present
Board of the Community Association	Clrs C Bennett, D Lister	Unable to attend the last meeting
Cinema Group	Clr C Bennett	No meeting
Condé Twinning Association	Clr J Roberts	Nothing to report
Education Foundation	Clr J Roberts	The meeting is due to be held in November
Friends of St Mary's	Clr C Bartrum	The good work continues and fund raising by Clr Bartrum has got off to a good start
HALC Southern Area Committee	Clr D Ravenscroft	No meeting
HALC Executive	Clr D Ravenscroft	The meeting looked at many issues – an electronic copy will be circulated to Members
Library Development Group	Clr C Utting	No meeting
Market Towns Forum	Clrs D Ravenscroft, V Coker	No meeting
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Clrs C Bennett, H Lerego and J Roberts	No meeting
Namutumba Twinning Association	Clr J Roberts	A plea was made for any Councillor to lay the wreath on Remembrance Day as there is nobody else available – Clr Bennet volunteered.
Parochial Church Council	Clr R Mayo	Not present
Ross Charity Trustees	Clrs N Gibbs, J Roberts	The meeting is due to be held in November
Ross Fairtrade Group	Clr C Bennett	No meeting
Ross Sports Club	Clrs P Cutter, H Lerego	A very successful comedy club last month, the centre is pleased with the installation of the barrier
Town Team	Clr J Utting	Nothing to report
Walkers are Welcome	Clr J Utting	10 th walking festival was very successful

18/10#166 Correspondence for consideration and response.

- i) Herefordshire Council – Information on tackling Fuel Poverty

The importance of promoting this message was made and the need to publicise to as wide an audience as possible. It was suggested that the Foodbank might like to know of the initiatives available.

Noted

18/10#167 To confirm Extra-ordinary Full Council Meeting on Monday 22nd October 2018 at 7.00pm for the purposes of co-opting a councillor to Ross-on-Wye East Ward.

Proposed: Councillor Bartrum
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Gibbs

RESOLVED – to approve the extra ordinary meeting on 22nd October for the purposes of co-opting a member to Ross East Ward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

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Chairman Date

Diary Engagements: 11 September-08 October 2018

Start	Event	Location
<u>The Mayor</u>		
Thu 13/09/2018 17:30	Herefordshire Police Awards Ceremony	Assembly Room, Town Hall, Hereford
Sun 16/09/2018 10:30	RBL Annual Branch Service	Market House/Baptist Church
Sun 16/09/2018 15:30	Battle of Britain Service	Hereford Cathedral
Thu 20/09/2018 19:00	JKHS Prize Giving	JKHS
Fri 21/09/2018 16:00	The Vine Tap Limited	Millpond Street
Sat 22/09/2018 14:30	FOD Chairman's Cream Tea	Dean Forest Railway
Wed 26/09/2018 10:00	Civic Service Update Meeting	The Rectory
Sun 30/09/2018 15:30	Ledbury TC Community Celebration Mayor's Meeting	St Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Ledbury Herefordshire Council
Sat 06/10/2018 10:00	RBL AGM	The Royal Hotel
Sat 06/10/2018 19:00	Mayor of Hereford Charity Ball	Town Hall, Hereford
Sun 07/10/2018 15:30	Shrieval Service	Hereford Cathedral
<u>The Deputy Mayor</u>		
11/09/2018	Community Gardens Celebrations	Community Gardens
Sun 16/09/2018 14:30	75th Anniversary of the Trefoil Guides	Walford Parish Church
Fri 21/09/2018 10:00	Home-Start Herefordshire 36th AGM	The Meeting House Hereford
Sat 22/09/2018 19:00	The Mayor of Bromyard's Charity Dinner	Falcon Hotel
Sat 06/10/2018	RBL AGM and lunch	The Royal Hotel