



Ross-on-Wye Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council
held on Monday 12th November 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, J Gren, R Mayo, D Ravenscroft,
P Symonds, A Taylor, C Utting and J Utting

In attendance: Mrs S Robson - Town Clerk

There were two members of the press present and nine members of the public.

18/11#173 Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED – to accept the apologies given

18/11#174 Declarations of Interest

Councillor C Utting declared a Schedule 2 Interest in Agenda Item 18/11 # 184 as there was a cheque made payable to an organisation to which she is the Chairman.

18/11#175 Applications for Dispensations

None

18/11#176 Report from Ross Police

Members were advised that a Section 35 Notice for the removal of a homeless man who is harassing and causing distress to local people had been applied for. A Behaviour Order is also in hand which will prevent any further threatening behaviour being carried out by the individual. A request was made to look into the possibility of additional CCTV cameras, evidence is being lost due to the shortfall in the existing coverage. A formal approach to the Council should be made to enable further discussions as well as investigations into S106 funding. A question was asked about traffic management of HGVs and if the Police can look again at further patrols to prevent accidents and damage to the highways and infrastructure. A question regarding speeding vehicles was raised, it was reported that Ross Police does not have the resources currently due to staff shortages, monitoring is taking place but there is little enforcement happening.

The Mayor brought forward agenda item 18/11#166 to allow the members of the public to hear the debate relating to the correspondence.

18/11#166 Correspondence for consideration and response.

- i) G D Lodge – Complaint re pigeons

It was reported that the matter had been raised with the County Council Environmental Service Manager, it was noted that help can be given with netting and proofing of the wall at Wilton Cliff. Excessive feeding of pigeons must stop as this can be linked to their congregation, this can also come about due to inappropriate waste disposal. There are legislative powers that allow the local authority to take measures however it was advised that culling would not be deemed to be an effective method.

7.15pm Standing Orders were suspended to allow the members of the public to speak

Members of the public expressed concern about the state of the streets in the area where the pigeons roost. The cliff wall at Wilton Road should have works done to block up the holes. A pest control company have given advice and a quote relating to trapping and shooting had been received. It was believed that restaurants and pubs are suffering due to perceived hygiene problems. An occasional visitor to Ross also spoke about this area being the entrance into Ross and this first impression of the town by visitors would be one of disgust. The work might take several years to complete but it must be a two-pronged attack to include issues of habitation as well as controlling numbers.

7.30pm Standing Orders were re-instated.

Members advised that the situation about the pavements is something the Council could deal with and the County Councillors offered to further this complaint. Financial offers from members of the public should be welcomed and further investigations must be made in order to find the most effective methods. There were views expressed that this Council should consider offering funding towards an on-going suppression plan. It was noted there are likely to be many visits necessary by Agents to reduce the population and take out breeding pairs. The criticism needed to be taken seriously so that steps can be taken to improve the cleanliness of the town.

It was proposed to accept the financial offer of the residents and in addition to include a budget line in the Amenities Budget for Pest Control for £2k to look at blocking holes, trapping and match funding towards residents wishing to take measures.

Proposed: Councillor Mayo
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Coker

RESOLVED – that the financial offer from the resident was welcomed and to confirm that the Council would add a Pest Control Budget line in the Amenities Budget for 2019/2020 for £2k.

7.45pm the members of the public left the meeting

18/11#177 Public Participation

None

18/11#178 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.

18/11# 179 Full Council Meeting Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday 8th October 2018 and the extra ordinary meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2018.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday 8th October 2018 and the extra ordinary meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2018 be signed as a correct record.



18/11# 180 Committees – To receive and note the minutes of the following meetings and approve any recommendations;

Planning & Development Committee	25 th September 2018
Amenities Committee	9 th October 2018
Planning & Development Committee	16 th October 2018
Community, Markets & Tourism Committee	30 th October 2018
Policy & Management Committee	5 th November 2018
Planning & Development Committee	6 th November 2018

RESOLVED – to receive and note the minutes.

18/11#181 Mayor's Announcements

To receive a verbal report from the Mayor.

The Mayor reported he had been busy over the last month with twenty engagements having been attended on behalf of the Council including his Civic Service and he thanked those councillors who had attended. There had been various Armistice events attended in the County. The diary is filling up and the run up to Christmas looks a busy time. The Battle's Over event was well attended and a note of thanks to the staff for organising it. A Red Oak Commemorative Tree donated by the Mayor will be planted soon at Caroline Symonds Gardens. A Member suggested that a plaque be placed at the Prospect in commemoration of the centenary of the end of WWI.

The Mayor also updated Members about the opening hours of the Recycling Centre in Ross. There are two potential restrictions of planning and funding at this site. The Planning Dept is looking at whether there were any conditions on the original consent that would preclude additional opening hours. The issue of the funding poses a challenge and the additional costs would be considerable due to disposal costs. It is proposed that a trial takes place for opening on Mondays to see what the outcome is at this normally quieter time of year and what implications it has on traffic on other days. A residents' permit might also be introduced to ensure only residents of Herefordshire have access to the service, although concerns were expressed about the possibility of increased fly tipping in the area.

18/11#182 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;

- Sustainability Policy – Members were reminded to feedback additional proposals
- NDP Regulation 14 Consultation went live on 9th November for a period of 6 weeks

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

18/11#183 Finance– Income & Expenditure 2018/2019

To review the budget information for the year to date.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee urged the committees to undertake prudent housekeeping measures, income and expenditure were lower than expected at this time of year.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.



8.20pm Councillor C Utting left the meeting having declared an Interest.

18/11#184 Finance – Accounts for payment

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

Proposed: Councillor Cutter
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor J Utting

RESOLVED – to approve the accounts for payment.

8.22pm Councillor C Utting returned to the meeting

18/11#185 Working together for our communities

To receive a verbal report, with agreed actions from the Parish Council Summit held on 17th October 2018 in the Shire Hall, Hereford. [Councillor Harry Bramer]

This was the first in an on-going series of meetings to promote prosperity and well being for all citizens of the County. There were over 50 councils represented at the meeting. It was intended to look at potential opportunities of partnership to provide the best for the people that local and principle councils represent. Discussions took place about social disadvantages, deprivation and how to strengthen communities. The next meeting will take place in January 2019.

18/11#186 Herefordshire Council – Public Spaces Protection Order Amendment – Alcohol Restriction

To consider and agree Council's response to the proposed amendment to the Order granted under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.

[Deadline for consultation period Thursday 15th November 2018].

Proposed: Councillor N Gibbs
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Mayo

RESOLVED – to approve the proposed amendment to the Order as per the identified Plan subject to including the Skatepark area and Wilton Road car park.

18/11#187 Herefordshire Council – Travellers' Sites Development Plan – Additional Sites Consultation

To consider and agree Council's response to the proposed additional sites in Herefordshire.

[Deadline for consultation period Wednesday 5th December 2018].

Noted

18/11#188 Ross-on-Wye & District Community Association (Larruperz Centre)


To consider request for financial assistance to replace two central heating boilers.

The Members expressed the view that the Council should look favourably on supporting this request as it is one of its own assets and is a very well used community building. The proposed new boilers would only enhance the asset.

Proposed: Councillor J Utting
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Bartrum

RESOLVED – to approve funding to a maximum of £25k for the purchase of two new boilers for the Larruperz from General Reserves and to give delegated authority to the Clerk for expenditure in consultation with a Working Group comprised of Councillors Bennett, Cutter, Gren and Lister who would be responsible for assessing the quotes and agreeing who to award the Contract to.



18/11#189 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	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 Bennett, D Lister	Not present
Cinema Group	Cllr C Bennett	Not present
Condé Twinning Association	Cllr J Roberts	Not present
Education Foundation	Cllr J Roberts	Not present
Friends of St Mary's	Cllr C Bartrum	Nothing to report
HALC Executive	Cllr D Ravenscroft	No meeting
Library Development Group	Cllr C Utting	No meeting
Market Towns Forum	Cllrs D Ravenscroft, V Coker	No meeting
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Cllrs C Bennett, H Lerego and J Roberts	No meeting
Namutumba Twinning Association	Cllr J Roberts	Not present
Parochial Church Council	Cllr R Mayo	Nothing to report
Ross Charity Trustees	Cllrs N Gibbs, J Roberts	The Trustees are still involved with the development at Cawdor
Ross Fairtrade Group	Cllr C Bennett	Not present
Ross Sports Club	Cllrs P Cutter, H Lerego	Nothing to report
Town Team	Cllr J Utting	Nothing to report
Walkers are Welcome	Cllr J Utting	Nothing to report

Noted

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm



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Chairman

Date

Diary Engagements: 09 October-12 November 2018

Start	Event	Location
<u>The Mayor</u>		
Mon 15/10/2018 19:15	Mayor to meet Cadet	Homs Road
Tue 16/10/2018 10:00	Civic Service practice - Rev Colin Leggate	St Mary's Church
Wed 17/10/2018 18:30	Working together for our communities summit meeting	Shire Hall, Hereford
Fri 19/10/2018 11:30	Inauguration of the County's University	Hereford Cathedral/Left Bank
Sun 21/10/2018 09:30	Civic Service	
Mon 22/10/2018 12:30	Reopening of Prince of Wales	
Mon 22/10/2018 14:00	Mayor's Meeting	Shire Hall
Tue 23/10/2018 13:00	RBL: 100th Commemoration WW1	Brampton Abbotts
Wed 24/10/2018 10:00	Commemoration of WW1 - St Josephs	St Josephs School
Wed 24/10/2018 11:00	Mens shed Mtg	
Sat 27/10/2018 11:00	RBL Poppy Appeal Launch	Poppy bed Broad Street
Sun 28/10/2018 10:00	Leominster Town Council Civic Service	Priory Church
Sat 03/11/2018 19:30	Charity Dance	Larruperz
Sun 04/11/2018 12:00	The Patron's Curry Lunch	Suvla Barracks
Fri 09/11/2018 10:30	Wormlow War Memorial	Millennium Green
Fri 09/11/2018 16:00	Chairman's Invitation - Reading names of fallen in WW1	Hereford Cathedral
Sun 11/11/2018 10:00	RBL: Coffee	Royal Hotel
Sun 11/11/2018 11:00	Remembrance Sunday and 100 years since Armistice Day	Prospect/St Mary's church
Sun 11/11/2018 15:30	County Service	Hereford Cathedral
Sun 11/11/2018 18:30	Battles Over	Prospect
<u>The Deputy Mayor</u>		
Wed 10/10/2018 17:30	JKHS Art Exhibition	JKHS
Sat 13/10/2018 18:00	Ross on Wye Festival of Remembrance Concert	Larruperz
Mon 15/10/2018 13:30	100th Anniversary of WW1	Weston under Penyard Sch
Weds 17/10/2018	Summit Meeting	Shire Hall
Thu 18/10/2018 10:40	100th Anniversary of WW1	Lea School
Fri 19/10/2018 10:00	RBL: 100th Anniversary WW1 commemorations	Gorsely Goffs School
Fri 19/10/2018 14:30	Pink Party for breast cancer care	Ross Court
Sun 21/10/18 11.15	Ross Civic Service	
Mon 22/10/18	Mayor's Meeting	Shire Hall
Tues 23/10/18	Commemoration of WW1	Bridstow School
Weds 24/10/2018	Commemoration of WW1	Goodrich School
Thu 25/10/2018 14:00	Service of Remembrance	Lea Church
Thu 25/10/2018 19:00	JKHS Open Evening	
Mon 05/11/2018 15:45	Herefordshire Field of Remembrance 2018	Hereford Cathedral
Thu 08/11/2018 12:00	Chelsea Pensioners, Falklands Stone Dedication/Korean Remembrance	St Mary's /Prospect