

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillor K. Dooley (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
M. Blackburn
D. Cole
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
F. Nash
L. Sorrell

8159. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor C. McLaughlin (in hospital recovering from stroke) was received and acknowledged but not approved.

8160. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

8161. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

8162. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 9th October 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8163. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that he had laid a wreath at the Chelmsley Wood Royal British Legion Remembrance service, which had proved to be an enjoyable day. He also reported on the # Council's own Christmas Carol concert and switching on of the Christmas tree lights which had also been a very enjoyable evening. He also submitted a letter of thanks from St. Leonard's Day Centre for the donation received

8164. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 6th November 2017 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

8165. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 13th November 2017 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved

8166. ACCOUNTS PAID, PETTY CASH PAYMENTS, MONTHLY EMPLOYEE COSTS AND BANK TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid, petty cash payments, bank transfers and monthly employee costs as submitted be approved

8167. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Sorrell reported briefly on a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee with reference to the closure of Monarch Airlines, a security compliance audit by the Civil Aviation Authority and noting that Flybe and Ryanair were the leading airlines for performance at the Airport.

8168. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE NALC MODEL STANDING ORDERS TO REPLACE THE COUNCIL'S EXISTING STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk submitted the NALC model standing orders which he had amended to take account of certain options which are contained within the model.

RESOLVED that the model standing orders as amended and submitted to the meeting be adopted and headed and personalised to the Council

8169. REVIEW OF HIRE CHARGES AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk submitted details of the current hire charges at the Fordbridge Centre and members were invited to consider any amendments.

RESOLVED that charges for all hire sessions be increased by £3.00 per session with effect from 1st April 2018

8170. REVIEW OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF CHARGES FOR REGULAR HIRERS OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk provided details of the special arrangements agreed by the Council in respect of charges for specific regular hirers of the Fordbridge Centre

RESOLVED that charges for the hire sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, Friday evening and Sunday evening be increased by £3.00 per session with effect from 1st April 2018.

8171. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO CHARGES FOR REGULAR HIRE OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE BY SOLIHULL VISUALLY IMPAIRED GROUP

The Clerk invited members to consider introducing a special arrangement for monthly hire of the Fordbridge Centre by Solihull Visually Impaired Group

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter

8172. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR SUPPORT BY THE WELLBEING COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Wellbeing Community Choir requesting financial support for the group particularly in terms of its main outgoings, hire of the Centre and the choir leader

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter

8173. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY IN RESPECT OF FREE USE OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE AND THE CRITERIA FOR USE BY VOLUNTARY/NON-PROFIT (COMMUNITY BASED) ORGANISATIONS

Members were asked to consider the Council's policy in respect of the above and any potential amendments or additions.

RESOLVED that the Council's policy on free use of the Fordbridge Centre be as set out in Appendix A

8174. 2018 CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE

The Clerk advised that the Council's preferred entertainer was unavailable on the 21st April 2018 but was available a week later.

RESOLVED that the responsibility for engaging alternative entertainment on the original date be delegated to the Council's Events Sub-Committee

8175. CONSIDERATION OF A RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

The Council's policy in respect of free use of the Fordbridge Centre is set out below:-

- a) A small meeting room be reserved every Saturday morning for use by Town/District councilors.
- b) All meetings of the Council including resident's forums and public meetings