

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillor S. McLaughlin (in the Chair)  
P. Allen  
M. Blackburn  
K. Dooley  
J. Kimberley  
C. McLaughlin.  
A. Nash  
F. Nash  
L. Sorrell

8041. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Bennett-Watson

8042. 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.

8043. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8044. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 17th October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8045. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (2)

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the recent applicant regarding availability for an interview but had not as yet received a response. It was reported that members were aware that the applicant was recuperating from an eye operation

RESOLVED i) that the applicant be advised that the Council is aware of her difficulties and to make contact again when she is ready  
ii) that consideration of these vacancies be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

8046. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported on her attendance at the Remembrance Service in Solihull and the Council's Carol Concert and the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. She also submitted a letter of thanks for the Council's donation from Mr. Rick Smallwood at St. Leonard's Day Centre

8047. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 7th November 2016 were presented to the meeting.

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

8048. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 14th November 2016 were presented to the meeting.

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

8049. 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

8050. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Sorrell presented a detailed report of a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee and the main contents of that report is set out in Appendix A

Councillor Allen briefly reported on a meeting at St. Leonard's Day Centre, reduced funding from Solihull M.B.C. with some additional funding from Birmingham City Council and a resulting increase in charges to £15.

8051. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE WALC PROTOCOL ON THE RECORDING AND FILMING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Clerk submitted the WALC protocol on recording and filming of meetings with particular reference to specific requirements in respect of filming and notifying members of the public. He recommended that the Council make its own recording of each meeting to act as the definitive record. The protocol, various associated issues and the question of whether the Council can require notice from anybody intending to attend a meeting and recording were debated at some length by members

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow the Clerk to clarify the legal position regarding a requirement to give notice

8052. PROVISION OF MILK IN SCHOOLS

The Clerk reported that in response to concerns raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in May regarding insufficient milk being available for children he had contacted the Head Teacher. The Head Teacher had confirmed that this was not the case but had advised that unflavoured milk was unpopular with pupils but flavoured milk when available was very popular. Mr. Fletcher had asked the School Meal Service to provide flavoured milk all of the time but his request had been declined.

RESOLVED that the results of the Clerk's investigations be received and noted and that no change be made to the Council's decision regarding provision of milk in schools and no further action be taken

8053. CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL OR OUTSTANDING PROJECTS IN RESPECT OF REGENERATION

The Clerk reminded members that North Solihull Partnership had asked for details of any outstanding work arising from regeneration or suggestions for other projects related to regeneration of the local area

RESOLVED that the Clerk advise the North Solihull Partnership that the Council's suggestions are as follows:-  
Improve parking at schools, provide pitched roof on shops at Bosworth Drive and improve council owned community facilities

8054. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE DATE OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2017

RESOLVED that the date of the Chairman's Charity Dance 2017 be moved to Saturday 29th April 2017 with all other details unchanged

8055. FORDBRIDGE CENTRE: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AND FORDBRIDGE GATEWAY SITES: MAINTENANCE

The Clerk asked members to consider including an annual increase within the tender documents for the contracts for grounds maintenance at the Fordbridge Centre and the Fordbridge gateway sites.

RESOLVED that the value of each agreed contract sum be increased by a compounded 2.5% in April 2018 and April 2019 and this sum be included in the tender document

8056. VEHICLE PARKING IN WOODCLOSE ROAD

The Clerk submitted an email from a local resident regarding the problems of inconsiderate parking and obstruction in Woodclose Road when children are being dropped off or picked up from Fordbridge Primary School

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Solihull M.B.C. drawing their attention to the problems and urging them to seek a solution

8057. 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 8.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

**Airport Consultative Committee**

- Solihull M.B.C. have delayed the Airport's night flying policy. It used to be 5% of overall flights but the proposal is to reduce this to 4.5% and the policy is to be reviewed every three years.
- The Airport had reached 11 million passengers in August and this figure was growing to October. This is an increase of 17% compared to last year.
- There are currently 12,717 car parking spaces with a further 2,090 planned for 2017. A new drop off car park which will be free of charge for 30 minutes is proposed.
- Airport is looking to invest in more restaurants, and upgrades have been given to various stores and restaurants. The lounge is to be extended in the next 2-3 years.
- The Police will be marking boarding cards to alert aircraft staff if a passenger is suspected of excessive alcohol consumption.
- The Airport's community trust fund makes donations twice a year and many local groups have benefitted including a recent award to Grace Academy