

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017

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

8075. APOLOGIES

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

8076. 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.

8077. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Council received a brief presentation from Mr. David Lane regarding two schemes, Community Enterprise for Success and Enterprise for Success supported by the European Regional Development Fund and operating within Fordbridge

8078. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8079. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (2)

RESOLVED that consideration of these vacancies be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

8080. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reminded members regarding the Charity Dance and the need to advertise and sell tickets for the event.

8081. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 13th February 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8082. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 20th February 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8083. 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

8084. 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

RESOLVED that the Clerk write a strongly worded letter regarding parking on the red line section of the slip road from the A45

8085. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY IN RESPECT OF RECORDING AND APPROVING APOLOGIES AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

The Clerk submitted his understanding of the process and his recommendations in respect of the recording and approval of apologies at meetings. The matter was discussed at some considerable length by members

RESOLVED i) that the reason provided by a member be recorded when reporting apologies
ii) that approval of apologies be considered at each meeting
iii) that any member not attending and not providing an apology be recorded as absent

8086. CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYING A RELIEF CARETAKER/HANDYMAN AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the search for a relief Evening/Weekend caretaker had been unsuccessful thus far and the Staffing Committee suggested the creation of a new post to combine the role of relief caretaker and handyman.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the FGP Committee

8087. DOGS IN SOLIHULL

The Clerk circulated recently received information from the former N.A.L.C. solicitor regarding the law as it affects local councils in relation to dogs.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

8088. 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 8.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Airport Consultative Committee

- A “Drop & Go” parking facility is being proposed
- Birmingham Airport was the most punctual airport of 2016 and the best route being to Dublin
- Night flying policy following extension of the runway has been reduced to 4.5% of total flights (previously 5%). The operator Jet2, in particular requests night flights and Coventry Airport has ended night flying.
- Details were provided of the relevant officer to contact at Solihull M.B.C. regarding highway problems in the vicinity of the airport