

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 8TH MAY 2017

PRESENT: Councillor P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
M. Blackburn
K. Dooley
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
F. Nash
L. Sorrell

8103. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2017/2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR
RESOLVED that Councillor Dooley be elected
Chairman of the Council for the 2017/
2018 Municipal Year
8104. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
Councillor Dooley declared his acceptance of office in the presence of the Council's proper
officer
8105. APOLOGIES
An apology for non-attendance from Councillor A. Nash (no reason given) was received and
acknowledged but not approved.
8106. DECLARATIONS OF 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.
8107. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.
8108. PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO FORMER CHAIRMAN
The Chairman presented a former Chairman's Badge to Councillor S. McLaughlin and
thanked her for the work she had undertaken over the previous twelve months.
8109. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2017/2018
MUNICIPAL YEAR
RESOLVED that Councillor Sorrell be appointed
Vice-Chairman of the Council for the
2017/2018 Municipal Year.
8110. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH
2017
The Clerk submitted the annual governance statement which constitutes section 1 of the
Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2017 for approval.
RESOLVED that the annual governance statement
for the year ended 31st March 2017 be
approved
8111. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017
The Clerk submitted the accounting statements which constitutes section 2 of the Annual
Return and the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Supporting Statement
for the financial year ended 31st March 2017 for approval.
RESOLVED that the accounting statements for the
financial year ended 31st March 2017 as
submitted be approved

8112. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that membership of the Committees for the 2017/2018 municipal year be as set out in Appendix A

8113. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

RESOLVED that the Council's representatives on other bodies be as set out in Appendix B

8114. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 24th April 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8115. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (2)

The Clerk reported that the Council's appointed sub-committee had met to interview an applicant for a vacancy and recommended that he be co-opted.

RESOLVED i) David Cole be co-opted to fill a vacancy on Hatchford Ward (Mr. Cole declared his acceptance of office)
ii) that the Clerk write to each of the other five councils in North Solihull advising of the vacancies and seeking expressions of interest from any of their members who may wish to be co-opted

8116. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE 2017 CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE

The Clerk submitted a statement of receipts and expenses relating to the 2017 Chairman's Charity Event. He confirmed that the revenue raised by the event amounted to £934.00 and that the cost of staging the event was £773.30.

RESOLVED i) that in accordance with Council policy the cost of staging the event be underwritten by the Council.
ii) that in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 a total donation of £2,160.70 be made to Midlands Air Ambulance Charity
iii) that the Clerk contact the Charity to ascertain dates on which they are available for the cheque to be presented

8117. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2017/2018

RESOLVED that the calendar of meetings and events as set out in Appendix C be approved.

8118. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF A MORNING CLEANER/RELIEF EVENING/WEEKEND CARETAKER AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that at the time of publishing the agenda only one application had been received although another had subsequently been delivered. Members were asked to consider whether to proceed with the current recruitment process and undertake interviews for the two applicants or to initiate a revised process for a morning cleaner only.

RESOLVED that the two candidates be interviewed and should they not be suitable then a revised process, for recruiting a morning cleaner only, be undertaken

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Environment, Health and Recreation Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Ex-Officio), All other currently elected Members of the Council.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Ex-Officio), All other currently elected Members of the Council.

Staffing/Grievance Committee

Councillors Allen, Dooley, C. McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell

Appeals Committee

Councillors S. McLaughlin, A. Nash plus one vacancy

Fordbridge Prize Sub-Committee

Councillors Allen, Dooley, S. McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell

APPENDIX B

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

<u>Body</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Representative(s)</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Airport Consultative Committee	1	L. Sorrell	1 yr	May 2018
North Solihull Partnership Forum	1	K. Dooley	"	"
St. Leonard's Day Centre	1	P. Allen	"	"
WALC Solihull Area Committee	2	K. Dooley & J. Kimberley	"	"

APPENDIX C

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Calendar for Town Council Meetings:

10th July 2017, 14th August 2017, 9th October 2017, 4th December 2017, 22nd January 2018, 5th March 2018, 23rd April 2018, 14th May 2018 (Annual Meeting)

Calendar for Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings:

26th June 2017, 31st July 2017, 25th September 2017, 13th November 2017, 8th January 2018, 19th February 2018, 9th April 2018

Calendar for Environmental Health and Recreation Committee Meetings:

26th June 2017, 25th September 2017, 8th January 2018, 9th April 2018

Calendar for Staffing Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings:

19th June 2017, 24th July 2017, 6th November 2017, 12th February 2018

Fordbridge Prize Sub-Committee Meeting 12th June 2017

Fordbridge Prize Presentation Evening 10th July 2017

Garden Competition Presentation: 27th September 2017

Christmas Tree Lights: 27th November 2017

Annual Parish Meeting: 21st May 2018