

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M. Blackburn (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
S. Blackburn
D. Cole
D. Hinsley
L. Sorrell

8373. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Kimberley (holiday), A. Nash and F. Nash (Solihull Mayor's awards) were received and noted.

8374. 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.

8375. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8376. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 19th August 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8377. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

The Clerk reported that the sub-committee of members had met with the prospective candidate for a vacancy as agreed by the Council

RESOLVED i) that the Council accept the sub-committee's recommendation that the candidate is not suitable at this stage
ii) that the Clerk write to the candidate to advise her of the Council's decision and recommend that she attend future meetings to enhance her experience

8378. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that he and Councillor S. Blackburn had met with the Clerk to assist him in re-launching the Council's Facebook feed

8379. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 30th September 2019 were presented to the meeting.

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

8380. 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

8381. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

There were no representatives' reports presented to the meeting by any member of the Council

8382. ARRANGEMENTS FOR POTENTIAL HIRE OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred until the Centre's future bar provision has been finalised

8383. LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING HIRE OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE FOR A PRIVATE FUNCTION

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the complainant and they had indicated that a refund of 2/3 of the hire charge would resolve the matter.

RESOLVED that the Council make a payment of £100 to the complainant as full and final settlement of her request for compensation in respect of this function.

8384. BAR PROVISION AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk confirmed that Leisure Bars had confirmed that it no longer wished to provide a bar service at the Fordbridge Centre. The Clerk reported that he had circulated a document outlining background information regarding licensed functions and the potential difficulties and decisions facing the Council in respect of any potential bar provision

RESOLVED that the Clerk meet with representatives of Chelmsley Wood Town Council to discuss a potential partnership and report to the next meeting of the FGP committee

8385. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2020

The Chairman outlined his basic proposals for a Chairman's Charity Dance in 2020.

RESOLVED i) that a Chairman's Charity Dance be held on Saturday 25th April 2020 at the Onward Club with the Chairman's nominated charity being MIND
ii) that Derek James be approached to provide entertainment

8386. 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 8.25 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN