

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2019

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

8305. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Kimberley and C. McLaughlin (recovering from stroke) were received and acknowledged but not approved.

8306. 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.

8307. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8308. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 21st January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8309. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported on her attendance at the WMG Academy awards evening which she described as amazing and a lovely evening.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write a letter to the WMG Academy thanking them for the invitation and confirming how enjoyable the event had been

8310. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 18th February 2019 were presented to the meeting.

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

8311. 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

8312. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee specifically the appointment of a new Chief Executive and plans to increase passenger capacity. She also reported that the noise ceiling had been reduced to try and ensure that arriving aircraft will be even quieter.

8313. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY CITIZENS ADVICE: CHELMSLEY WOOD

The Clerk reported that an application form had been sent to the manager immediately following the FGP meeting as instructed. He advised that no response had been forthcoming and also that a further message had been sent to try and ascertain the current situation regarding the application.

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

8314. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COUNCIL'S SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The Clerk reported that he had circulated details of the relevant section of the Practitioner's Guide setting out the issues to be considered by members in reviewing the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal control.

RESOLVED i) that the Council confirms that it has reviewed the effectiveness of its system of internal control  
ii) that the Clerk produce a further report to the next meeting of the FGP committee regarding the Council's maintenance arrangements with Solihull M.B.C. Property Services and also the arrangements for collection of debts owed to the Council.

8315. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk recommended that the Council retain the services of Diane Malley who had written to him confirming her availability and also confirming her competence and independence. She also confirmed that there would be no increase to her fee.

RESOLVED that Diane Malley be engaged as the Council's internal auditor for the next twelve months

8316. 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 7.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN