

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 8TH JULY 2019

PRESENT: Councillor F.V Nash (in the Chair)  
P. Allen  
H. Bennett-Watson  
D. Cole  
D. Hinsley  
J. Kimberley  
A. Nash  
L. Sorrell

8349. APOLOGIES  
Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Blackburn and McLaughlin (personal reasons) were approved.
8350. REPRESENTATIVE(S) FROM AROUND AGAIN TO PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS REGARDING ITS SOCIAL SUPERMARKET PROJECT  
Phyllis Bailey from Around Again provided background information and answered questions regarding the social supermarket, its associated aims and objectives and community focus. Further details of the information, questions and responses are set out in Appendix A
8351. 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.
8352. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.
8353. MINUTES  
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 13th May 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.
8354. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)  
The Clerk reported that he had received two letters of application prior to the meeting and they would be referred to the next meeting of the FGP committee for consideration  
RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting
8355. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL  
There was no report due to the Chairman not being present at the meeting
8356. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 24th June 2019 were presented to the meeting.  
RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved
8357. 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

8358. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Cole reported on a public meeting which has been arranged to discuss local bus services and will be attended by official from the bus company. He also reported on proposals for improved bus services in the area.

Councillor Sorrell reported on a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee and the 80th birthday of the Airport. She also reported on some environmental improvements and some forthcoming traffic problems near the Airport.

Councillor Hinsley briefly reported on a couple of issues arising from a WALC Solihull Area Committee meeting

8359. CONSIDERATION OF THE TIME OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON 5TH AUGUST 2019

RESOLVED that the meeting be re-scheduled to Monday 19th August 2019 at 5.00 p.m.

8360. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY REGARDING THE RECORDING AND APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Clerk submitted information from WALC regarding receiving, recording and approving apologies and absence from meetings in general. He advised members of his interpretation of the advice and the relevant legislation in practical terms

RESOLVED that the Clerk change the agenda and amend the wording of the Minutes to reflect the difference between receiving apologies and approving absence from meetings.

8361. 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 8.40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

**Around Again Social Supermarket Project**

Phyliss Bailey reported that the project was a social supermarket with the aim of supporting vulnerable people suffering food poverty and is based at the Junction on Chapelhouse Road. This involves paying a registration fee of £3.50 and receiving £15-£20 worth of food through a supermarket experience rather than through a food bank. The supermarket currently opens on Tuesday and Thursday and hoping to open on Wednesday as well.

Money management advice is provided to all users to assist with improving their financial position. Users are also encouraged to volunteer in the supermarket or elsewhere in the local community. The overriding aim of the project is to improve health and wellbeing.

In response to questions , Phyliss advised that users are encouraged to take ownership and have a choice unlike food banks. The supermarket is located in a container at the rear of the building and there is a referral process and users must be residents of Solihull. There are criteria for users to satisfy and they can use the facility once a week for up to six months but the project hopes to work with them to improve their personal financial situation.