

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2019

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

8317. APOLOGIES

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

8318. 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.

8319. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8320. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 4th March 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8321. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that she had attended the S.M.B.C. Charter meeting which she found interesting and had provided lots of information. She also submitted a letter from Councillor C. McLaughlin confirming that she does not intend to stand for re-election when her current term of office expires.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Councillor McLaughlin thanking her for service to the local community and wishing her well with her ongoing recovery

8322. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 25th March 2019 were presented to the meeting.

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

8323. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 1st April 2019 were presented to the meeting.

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

8324. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES
 The Clerk submitted a report outlining proposals to introduce a procedure to allow some potential flexibility for the times for meetings subject to unanimous consent by relevant members.
- RESOLVED that the proposed procedure submitted by the Clerk and as set out in Appendix A be approved
8325. 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
8326. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS
 Councillor Nash reported on her activities as a member of Solihull M.B.C. including problems raised by local residents and their subsequent gratitude for the assistance received.
8327. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY CITIZENS ADVICE: CHELMSLEY WOOD
 The Clerk reported that he had still not received any further communication from Citizens Advice following his telephone conversation with a member of staff.
- RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next appropriate meeting
8328. CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2019
 The Clerk reported on the current level of ticket sales and reminded members regarding a meeting of the Events Sub-Committee. The Chairman raised concerns regarding difficulties in obtaining suitable raffle prizes following the decision made by the FGP committee.
- RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to purchase two raffle prizes with a combined value not exceeding £50.00 and that she be reimbursed by the Council by cheque.
8329. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY 2604 (ARCHBISHOP GRIMSHAW) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS
 The Clerk submitted correspondence from the Commanding Officer of the 2604 Squadron of the Air Training Corps detailing a wish to use the name Fordbridge and seeking the Council's agreement
- RESOLVED that the Council agree to the change of name of the Squadron and that it is honoured to be asked the question and that Fordbridge should be used
8330. 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 8.00 p.m.

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2019
APPENDIX A

Times for Meetings of the Council and Committees

1. All meetings of the Council, including the Annual Meeting and any other meeting open to the public shall take place at 7.30 pm
2. The Clerk shall be authorised at the beginning of each municipal year to seek consent for an alternative time for meetings not open to the public.
3. Any proposed alternative time must have the unanimous consent of all members of the relevant committee
4. The Clerk shall also be authorised to seek consent for an alternative time for meetings not open to the public on an ad-hoc basis if the Clerk has been made aware in advance that a member(s) will be absent from that meeting.
5. In the situation described in (5) above, any proposed alternative time must have the unanimous consent of all members of the relevant committee that will be able to attend the meeting.
6. If an alternative time cannot be agreed for a meeting not open to the public it will take place at 7.30 pm.