

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 14TH AUGUST 2017

PRESENT: Councillor K. Dooley (in the Chair)
M. Blackburn
D. Cole
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
F. Nash
L. Sorrell

8134. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Allen (short break) and Bennett-Watson (holiday) were received and acknowledged but not approved.

8135. 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.

8136. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8137. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 10th July 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8138. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING THREE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD

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 Hinsley be co-opted to fill a vacancy on Cole Ward
ii) that Mr Hinsley be invited to make his declaration of acceptance of office at or before the next meeting

8139. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman advised that he had no report to make at this stage as he had not attended any events on behalf of the Council since the last meeting

8140. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 24th July 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8141. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 31st July 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8142. 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
8143. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS
Councillor Sorrell briefly updated members on issues arising from her representative's report given to the last meeting relating to the Airport
8144. CONSIDERATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GARDEN COMPETITION PRESENTATION EVENING
The Clerk submitted a report outlining the arrangements for the garden competition presentation evening and the relevant financial arrangements for consideration and approval by members
RESOLVED that the outline arrangements and the associated financial arrangements for the garden competition presentation evening as set out in Appendix A be approved
8145. CONSIDERATION OF A DONATION TO ST. LEONARD'S DAY CENTRE
Members were reminded that unfortunately St. Leonard's Day Centre will be closing at the end of the year and this year's Christmas party would be its last. Members were invited to consider making a donation to the Centre to assist with enhancing the final Christmas party.
RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council make a donation of £200.00 to St. Leonard's Day Centre to be used at its Christmas party
8146. 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 7.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Garden Competition Presentation Evening

Date: 27th September 2017

Start time: 6.00 p.m.

Buffet: To be provided by The Buffet Shop at a cost of £4.50 per head (payment to be made by cheque on delivery).

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and soft drinks to a total value of £50.00 to be provided (payment to be made using the Council's debit card)

Table decorations: Table decorations and a gift for the competition judge all to a total value of £50.00 to be provided (payment to be made from regular petty cash)

Members of the Council will not be required to perform tasks during the advance preparations for the event which may require them to incur expenses.