

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Councillor F.V. Nash (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
K. Dooley
C. McLaughlin.
A. Nash
L. Sorrell

7940. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Kimberley and S. McLaughlin.

7941. DECLARATIONS OF 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.

7942. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7943. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held
25th January 2016 be approved and
signed by the Chairman as a correct
record of the proceedings.

7944. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FIVE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION:
BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

RESOLVED that consideration of these vacancies
be deferred to the next meeting of the
Council

7945. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported on a meeting held with other members of the Council together with the local Police sergeant and neighbourhood management officer. She also reported that a resident of Burnsall Close had expressed their thanks to the Council for the work and support in relation to a planning application.

7946. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 15th February 2016 were presented to the meeting. The Clerk raised the question of implementation of the enhanced rate of pay for securing the Fordbridge Centre after 2130.

RESOLVED i) that the Minutes be received and the
recommendations contained therein be
approved.
ii) that the enhanced rate of pay for
attendance to secure the Fordbridge
Centre after 2130 be implemented from
15th February 2016

7947. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 22nd February 2016 were presented to the meeting.

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

7948. 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

7949. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Sorrell presented a detailed report of a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee and the main contents of that report is set out in Appendix A

Councillor Allen reported on a meeting of the trustees of St. Leonard's Day Centre including the success of the Christmas party and the money saved and help provided by using Ring and Ride. Total donations of £1,850 including £850 from Jaguar Land Rover had been received.

7950. DONATION IN RESPECT OF AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The Clerk reported that he had not received any further information regarding a proposed event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

RESOLVED i) that the Clerk contact Solihull M.B.C. as a matter of urgency to establish if the event will proceed and to obtain further details
ii) that the Council hold a special meeting to consider a donation if the event is to be held

7951. CONSIDERATION OF STAGING AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Members were invited to consider staging an event on behalf of the Town Council at the Fordbridge Centre to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

RESOLVED that the Council hold its own event and a special meeting be held to make detailed decisions for the event

7952. "CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN"

The Clerk reported that he had sent an email to all members on 5th February 2016 in respect of this subject and members were invited to consider participation in the activities

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter

7953. SOLIHULL REVISED DRAFT RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Clerk reported that he sent an email to all members on 18th February 2016 including a link to the new draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan and members were invited to make a response as a Council

RESOLVED that no response be made on behalf of the Council but members have an opportunity to respond as individuals until 25th March 2016

7954. CONSIDERATION OF THE DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL STATUTORY MEETING OF THE EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Clerk advised that a properly constituted meeting of the Events Sub-Committee would need to be held to make the necessary financial and legal decisions in respect of the provision of a buffet for the Chairman's Charity Dance.

RESOLVED that a statutory meeting of the Events Sub-Committee be held on 7th April 2016 at 11.00 a.m.

7955. 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

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APPENDIX A

Airport Consultative Committee

Birmingham International Airport had its most successful year ever in 2015, handling 10.2 million passengers, which is almost a 5% increase on the previous year. December proved to be the busiest on record with almost 700,000 passengers using the Airport, up 10% from December 2014.

Emirates has announced it will be upgrading its service to Dubai using an Airbus 380 which carries 557 passengers in economy class and 58 in business class. Turkish Airlines are to increase its service to Istanbul from May 2016. Flybe has announced three new routes to regional France and has also announced its summer schedule to include twice daily flights to Rotterdam and daily flights to Knock in the west of Ireland. KLM will have six additional weekly services to Amsterdam in summer 2016 providing an extra 32,100 seats. Monarch's summer schedule includes new direct flights to Madrid and Lisbon. Ryanair will further expand its summer flights, adding Madrid, Verona, Corfu and Vilnius with a total of 118 flights a week to a total of 23 destinations.

Redevelopment work is underway in the duty free store to upgrade facilities, this will continue through July. Disruption to passengers and business is to be kept to a minimum by adopting a phased programme. Security is to be enhanced by spending £1 million to boost passenger throughput at individual security lanes with a target of 200 passengers per hour. The figure in 2015 was 195 compared to 164 in 2014. The Airport has a scheme where around 50 trained volunteers provide customer service assistance.

Replacement fluorescent light fittings with LED lamps are to be installed in multi storey car parks with more than 3,300 fittings to be replaced with the aim of achieving energy savings in the region of £100,000. Work is in line to improve rail services to and from the Airport and also supporting services.