

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 9TH MAY 2016

PRESENT: Councillor P. Allen  
H. Bennett-Watson  
K. Dooley  
C. McLaughlin  
S. McLaughlin  
A. Nash  
F. Nash  
L. Sorrell

7980. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2016/2017 MUNICIPAL YEAR  
RESOLVED that Councillor S. McLaughlin be elected  
Chairman of the Council for the 2016/  
2017 Municipal Year
7981. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE  
Councillor McLaughlin declared her acceptance of office in the presence of the Council's  
proper officer
7982. APOLOGIES  
An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Kimberley.
7983. 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.
7984. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.
7985. PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO FORMER CHAIRMAN  
The Chairman presented a former Chairman's Badge to Councillor F.V. Nash and thanked  
her for the work she had undertaken over the previous twelve months.
7986. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2016/2017  
MUNICIPAL YEAR  
RESOLVED that Councillor Dooley be appointed  
Vice-Chairman of the Council for the  
2016/2017 Municipal Year.
7987. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL RETURN AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE  
STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016  
The Clerk submitted the annual governance statement and accounting statements which  
constitute the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2016 for approval.  
RESOLVED a) that the annual governance statement  
for the year ended 31st March 2016 be  
approved  
b) that the accounting statements for the  
financial year ended 31st March 2016 as  
submitted be approved
7988. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES  
RESOLVED that membership of the Committees for  
the 2016/2017 municipal year be as set  
out in Appendix A
7989. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES  
RESOLVED that the Council's representatives on  
other bodies be as set out in  
Appendix B

7990. MINUTES

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

7991. 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

7992. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE 2015 CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE

The Clerk submitted a statement of receipts and expenses relating to the 2016 Chairman's Charity Event. He confirmed that the revenue raised by the event amounted to £1,045.00 following a further donation of £200 by A.A. and that the cost of staging the event was £762.38.

The Clerk also reported that the gift card provided by the Airport which had kindly been returned by its winner would also be added to the donation but could not be included in the statement of receipts and expenses

RESOLVED i) that in accordance with Council policy the cost of staging the event be underwritten by the Council.  
ii) that in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 a total donation of £2,282.62 be made to Birmingham Children's Hospital Cancer Ward  
iii) that arrangements be made to take the donation to the hospital and that an invitation be extended to Mr. Gilmartin who returned the gift card

7993. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2016/2017

RESOLVED that the calendar of meetings and events as set out in Appendix C be approved.

7994. RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSITION OF EVENING/WEEKEND CARETAKER AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk advised members that only two applications had been received for the position therefore increasing the possibility of the recruitment being unsuccessful. He suggested that members should consider a contingency plan for this situation including the possibility of increasing the available pay or the number of hours.

RESOLVED that advertising be increased if the vacancy is not filled

7995. MILEAGE/TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS WHEN ATTENDING TRAINING EVENTS AND WHEN CARRYING OUT TASKS RELATED TO THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE

The Clerk submitted advice from WALC outlining the relevant regulations in respect of allowances and expenses and suggesting that payment of travel expenses could be made in both cases.

RESOLVED i) that the Council pay expenses to Councillor Allen for mileage undertaken when carrying out tasks related to the Chairman's Charity Dance at a rate of 45p per mile  
ii) that consideration of travel expenses for training events be deferred to the next meeting of the FGP committee

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Environment, Health and Recreation Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Ex-Officio), All other currently elected Members of the Council.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Ex-Officio), All other currently elected Members of the Council.

Staffing/Grievance Committee

Councillors Allen, Bennett-Watson, C. McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell

Appeals Committee

Councillors K. Dooley, S. McLaughlin and A. Nash

Fordbridge Prize Sub-Committee

Councillors Allen, Dooley, S. McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell

APPENDIX B

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

<u>Body</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Representative(s)</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Airport Consultative Committee	1	L. Sorrell	1 yr	May 2017
North Solihull Partnership Forum	1	K. Dooley	"	"
St. Leonard's Day Centre	1	P. Allen	"	"
WALC Solihull Area Committee	2	K. Dooley & J. Kimberley	"	"

APPENDIX C

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Calendar for Town Council Meetings:

27th June 2016, 8th August 2016, 17th October 2016, 5th December 2016, 23rd January 2017, 6th March 2017, 24th April 2017, 8th May 2017 (Annual Meeting)

Calendar for Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings:

13th June 2016, 25th July 2016, 3rd October 2016, 14th November 2016, 9th January 2017, 20th February 2017, 3rd April 2017

Calendar for Environmental Health and Recreation Committee Meetings:

13th June 2016, 3rd October 2016, 9th January 2017, 3rd April 2017

Calendar for Staffing Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings:

16th May 2016 (Staffing Committee only), 18th July 2016, 7th November 2016, 13th February 2017

Fordbridge Prize Sub-Committee Meeting      6th June 2016

Fordbridge Prize Presentation Evening   4th July 2016

Christmas Tree Lights: 28th November 2016

Annual Parish Meeting: 15th May 2017