

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 17TH AUGUST 2015

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

7877. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor A. Nash.

7878. PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO MARIE CURIE SOLIHULL BY FORMER CHAIRMAN

Councillor C. McLaughlin presented a cheque for £3,069.55 to Tracey Finnegan from Marie Curie Solihull, representing the sum raised by this year's charity dance. Councillor McLaughlin expressed her pride at the size of the donation and thanked her colleagues for their support. Ms Finnegan outlined the work of the hospice and observed that it could not succeed without the support of the local community. She thanked the former Chair and the Council for the donation.

7879. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

7880. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7881. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 29th June 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

7882. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that she had attended an event at the Three Trees Community Centre which was a fantastic afternoon in good company. She also advised that she had joined the KDLC pensioners' section on a day trip. She reported the sad loss of Phyllis Ralph, the group's organiser who was a big supporter of Council events and will be sadly missed

7883. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 3rd August 2015 were presented to the meeting.

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

7884. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: PROPOSALS BY EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE REGARDING CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR USERS OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk submitted details of the proposals by the Events Sub-Committee for a Christmas event for users of the Fordbridge Centre. The staging of an event had been agreed in principle by the Council

RESOLVED that the proposals for a Christmas event for users of the Fordbridge Centre as set out in Appendix A be approved

7885. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: LATE NOMINATIONS FOR FORDBRIDGE

### PRIZE BY FORDBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Clerk submitted a report detailing late nominations from Fordbridge School for three children to receive the Fordbridge Prize. The children did not meet the original criteria and the Clerk reported the indications from the school of the problems in identifying children to meet the criteria. He also set out the timeline for seeking nominations and the closing date and details of communication with the school.

RESOLVED that the Fordbridge Prize not be awarded to the children nominated by Fordbridge School due to the nominations being received after the closing date

(Councillor Bennett-Watson asked for it to be recorded in the Minutes that she voted against the decision)

### 7886. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid as submitted be approved

### 7887. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Sorrell reported on a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee including numerous issues relating to new and expanded services by various airlines. She also reported on the support given to local organisations by the Airport's Community Fund Councillor Allen reported on the Annual General Meeting of St. Leonard's Day Centre, the new clients and staff received from St. Peter's Day Centre and the quest for more new clients from Brookvale Day Centre (Olton) which may be closing down.

### 7888. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Nash reported briefly on the largely private housing and social care issues which she had been dealing with.

### 7889. BABB'S MILL

The Clerk asked members to confirm its policy in respect of proposed development at Babb's Mill which adjoin the parish, following recent general correspondence from a local pressure group.

RESOLVED i) that the Council re-state its policy of opposition to any development at Babb's Mill.  
ii) that the Clerk write to Kingshurst Parish Council re-iterating its support for any campaign

### 7890. SOLIHULL CONNECTED GREEN PAPER AND PARISH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting

### 7891. MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD 6TH AUGUST 2015 AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Staffing Committee held 6th August 2015 were presented to the meeting. The Clerk reported to all members detail of the background information regarding the issues faced by the Committee and the reasons for its decision.

RESOLVED that the recommendations made by the Committee be approved by the Council

***(Members of the public and press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of this matter due to the private and confidential nature of the business being discussed)***

### 7892. 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 9.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

**Christmas Event For Users Of The Fordbridge Centre**

Date: 16th December 2015

Persons over 60 only

Users of the Fordbridge Centre (plus members of KDLC OAP section – maximum 20 people) total maximum 120 people

Buffet (approximate cost £600)

Disco (approximate cost £100)

Admission by ticket only (special invitation from Fordbridge Town Council)

Wine to be provided with buffet

Event to be held between 12.30 pm and 3.30 pm

Christmas crackers on tables which will be decorated by members who wish to volunteer

Small gift (£1 each) to be provided

Arrangements for the day to be organised by the Events Sub-Committee

Maximum budget of £1,000