

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2016

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

7923. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Kimberley

7924. 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.

7925. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7926. MINUTES

RESOLVED i) that the Minutes of the Meeting held  
7th December 2015 be approved and  
signed by the Chairman as a correct  
record of the proceedings subject to the  
following amendment:-  
ii) that Minute 7911 to state that the  
Council did not accept the  
recommendation of the sub-committee  
in respect of the two applicants

7927. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRECEPT FOR THE 2016/2017 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Clerk's  
Recommendation the Council require a  
precept of £99,611 for the 2016/2017  
financial year including the support grant  
from Solihull M.B.C. of £17,054

7928. 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

7929. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that the Christmas party for users of the Fordbridge Centre went well and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves. She also reported on her assistance with the distribution of parcels for older people as a result of the campaign initiated by Solihull M.B.C.

7930. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 5th January 2016 were presented to the meeting.

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

7931. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 11th January 2016 were presented to the meeting.  
RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.
7932. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 11th January 2016 were presented to the meeting.  
RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved
7933. 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
7934. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS  
Councillor Bennett-Watson briefly reported on her attendance at an event organised by Community Action in Fordbridge, a visit to the "Mad House" youth club which had lost £10,000 of funding and also a meeting of the Fordbridge School Parent's Group
7935. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S INVESTMENT POLICY  
The Clerk submitted a comparison of interest rates available from different bank accounts and information regarding early settlement of the Council's loan with the Public Works Loan Board.  
RESOLVED i) that the Council open an account with Lloyds Bank with a view to further opening a 32 day notice deposit account with the same bank  
ii) that the Council's investment policy be reviewed again in six months
7936. FORDBRIDGE PRIZE 2015: ADDITIONAL PRIZE FOR ONE RECIPIENT  
Members were advised that the prize chosen by one of last year's recipients had only amounted to £80 and the actual prize was agreed to be up to £125.  
RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Conor Thompson be donated vouchers for a store or place of his choice to the value of £45.00
7937. DISPATCH OF SUMMONS TO MEETINGS  
The Clerk confirmed in response to a question regarding receipt of summons to meetings that the law stated that three clear days before a meeting a summons must be sent. The law makes no provision for when they should be received and the latest day for a summons to be sent prior to a Monday meeting is the previous Wednesday  
RESOLVED that the notice of a meeting is to be sent to members on Tuesdays prior to Monday meetings
7938. DONATION IN RESPECT OF AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY  
The Chairman reported on outline proposals to stage a community event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday organised by neighbourhood officers of Solihull M.B.C.

RESOLVED that the Council agree in principle to make a donation of £500, subject to further information being provided and the final approval of the Council at a later stage

7939. 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 8.40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN