



MINUTES OF the 343rd MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
 ON THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2019

Present: Cllr Saxon in the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council
Ryan Bennett – Administrative Assistant

Cllrs Baldwin, Benner, Birch, Cole, Collingwood, Gallagher, Hobbs, Mitchell, Montague, Vassiliou & Wallington.

Voting Members: 12

Members of the Public: 5

CC1966/19

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bains, Hollands & Kaur.

CC1967/19

Declarations of Interests by Members

The Chairman recommended that any declarations be made at the appropriate time.

CC1968/19

Parish Matters

No matters were brought to Members attention.

CC1969/19

Representations from the Public

CC1976/19 - Representations were made from the Creative Textiles & Getting Together clubs based at the Red Cross centre. They explained that the Red Cross were no longer allowing groups to let the hall and that many community groups had to find alternative meeting spaces.

CC1976/19

Red Cross Centre

[Under Standing Order 9.1.6 - To alter the order of business on the agenda for reasons of urgency or expedience –this item was moved up the agenda]

Cllr Mitchell informed Members that he had spoken to an officer at Three River's District Council. The officer informed Cllr Mitchell that TRDC owned the land on which the Red Cross building was situated and that it was leased to the organisation on a long lease. Cllr Mitchell was made aware that the Red Cross have asked TRDC to terminate the lease early due to a nationwide organisation policy change.

The Clerk reminded Members that the building was listed as an asset of community value.

Members spoke about the importance of the building and how valuable the space was to many community groups. It was commented that the Land Transfer working party should look into the future of the Red Cross Centre.

Resolved:

- That the Parish Council makes enquires and shows its interest in pursuing the rights under the community asset legislation.
- That consultation with TRDC and the Red Cross takes place to see what options the Parish Council has to safeguard the site for community use, or even take the site over.
- That the Red Cross centre comes under the auspices of the Land Transfer working party.

CC1970/19

Minutes

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the 342nd Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 31 January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman

CC1971/19

Matters Arising

CC1961/19 – Planning for 2019 Council Elections – Cllr Gallagher informed Members that an informative leaflet has been produced which will be delivered to local homes, posters will be displayed at local premises, and flyers will be handed out at the station in the near future. He reminded Members of the three ‘meet a Cllr’ sessions which were to be held at the Council offices during March.

CC1972/19

Committee Reports

CC1972.1/19 Environment and Amenity Committee held on Tuesday 8 January 2019

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Environment & Amenity Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1972.2/19 Any matters arising

Cllr Benner informed Members that the venue for the charity quiz on the 30th March had been confirmed as the Community Centre.

CC1972.3/19 Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 3 January and Thursday 17 January 2019

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meetings held on Thursday 3 January and Thursday 17 January 2019 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1972.4/19 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1972.5/19 Finance and Administration Committee held on Thursday 10 January 2019

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee of Thursday 10 January 2019 be adopted as a report of the meeting.

CC1972.6/19 Any matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CC1973/19

Standing Orders & Financial Regulations

Councillors noted the changes to the Standing Orders & Financial Regulations made by the Clerk following comments from Members at the Council meeting of January 31 2019.

Resolved:

- That Council adopts the amended and updated Standing Orders & Financial Regulations.

CC1974/19 New Year's Eve Fireworks Display

Cllr Montague took Members through his report on the New Year's Eve firework display as supplied with the Agenda.

Resolved:

- That a working party be set up to look into planning for the 2019 New Year's Eve fireworks display.
- That Cllrs Hobbs, Montague & Wallington become Members of the working party.

CC1975/19 Clerk Recruitment

Cllr Mitchell gave a verbal update to Members on the ongoing recruitment of a new Clerk to the Council.

CC1976/19 *This item was considered above.*

CC1977/19 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm