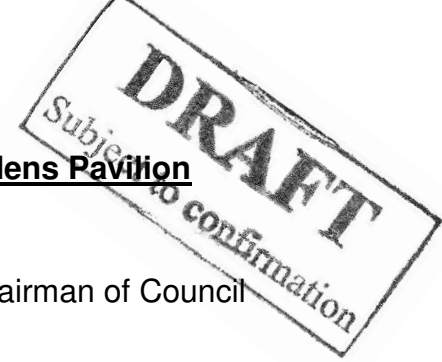


BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7:00 pm in Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion



PRESENT

Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Chairman of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr T Clarkson
Cllr A Cross
Cllr S Chapman
Cllr M Putt

Cllr H Miéville – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr Y Miéville

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk

Operations Manager

27. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of public in attendance.

28. REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLORS

- 28.1 Cllr Quayle reported that there are numerous Dorset Council grants available for youth and community groups. The Capital Leverage fund is also available now.
- 28.2 The Dorset Council is now under new administration and DC councillors are awaiting the new priorities.
- 28.3 Cllr Quayle explained that planned grass cuts are now taking place around the town and Cllr Holmes thanked Dorset Council for cutting the grass along Holland Way.

29. APOLOGIES

Cllr C Stevens

30. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

31. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

32. CIVIC REPORT

The paper was distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting (see Appendix B). Cllr Miéville noted how enjoyable the Salisbury civic day was, processing through the city with fellow Mayors, and Cllr Lacey-Clarke thanked Cllrs H & Y Miéville for being excellent ambassadors of the town during 2023/24.

33. TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr H Miéville, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (8 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) that

Any co-option process is delayed and reviewed in September.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

34. TO CONSIDER PRODUCING A CALENDAR FOR 2025 WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves expenditure of £294 and appoints Company A for the production of the calendars for 2025, and the theme should be selected by the Mayor, using budget line 1030 Tourism (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

34. TO SEEK RETROSPECTIVE EXPENDITURE FOR SURFACING AT LANGTON PLAY AREA

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves retrospective expenditure of £2,810.00 + VAT using funds from budget line 1310 play area accruals (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Quayle noted how well-maintained the play areas are.

35. TO RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE FOUR LARGE PICTURES IN THE TOWN HALL

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr H Miéville and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves retrospective expenditure of £1,536 + VAT using funds from the reserves committed for the relocation and storage relating to the Corn Exchange refurbishment (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

36. TO CONSIDER THE DISPLAY OF A MEDIEVAL EMBROIDERY IN THE TOWN HALL/CORN EXCHANGE

The paper was noted (see Appendix F).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council thanks the embroidery group for its interest in displaying this unique item in the refurbished Corn Exchange building and asks the Corn Exchange meetings to consider requests for displaying all items together when appropriate.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

37. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE AND CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FROM THE:

37.1 Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group – The Town Clerk advised that there is a meeting scheduled for 3rd June 2024 to confirm the amendments to the Design Code, which will then be ratified by the Dorset Council Cabinet.

37. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE AND CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FROM THE: (cont)

- 37.2 BFTC Commemoration Group – The planning process for the exhibition is going well and a meeting is being held on Tuesday 14th May. A plan has been made for the refreshments to be served from the garden.
- 37.3 D-Day 80 Events – The update report was distributed in the morning and Cllr Clarkson advised of the increase in pipers and drummers for one of the events!
- 37.4 Climate Change & Biodiversity – There is an online meeting on Thursday evening.
- 37.5 Dorset Council Grant to support the Market Area Enhancement Project – The Town Clerk is meeting with a designer on Wednesday afternoon.

38. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

None

39. CONFIDENTIAL

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED unanimously that

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

- 39.1 To consider a nomination to present a certificate of appreciation to a member of the community

The paper was noted (see Appendix G).

Nomination A – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Chapman, SECONDED by Cllr Putt and AGREED (9 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council approves the Certificate of Appreciation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Nomination B – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Putt and AGREED (7 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council approves the Certificate of Appreciation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Nomination C – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Miéville, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves the Certificate of Appreciation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Nomination D – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Clarkson and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves the Certificate of Appreciation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

39. **CONFIDENTIAL (cont.)**

Nomination E – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves the Certificate of Appreciation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Nomination F – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clarkson, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council approves the Certificate of Appreciation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Nomination G – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mievile, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (5 in favour, 3 against, 3 abstentions) that

The Town Council approves the Certificate of Appreciation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Nomination H – No proposal was made.

Nomination I – No proposal was made.

The meeting closed at 9:44 pm.

SIGNED

DATED