

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

## DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Community Meeting Room, Fire Station, Kingshill Road, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Action Summary:

No actions

### PRESENT

Cllr A Stennett (Mayor)

Councillors: M Nicholson (Deputy Mayor), M Stennett, P Hayes, T Stride, K Eales, M Patrick, S Creswick, J Rubin, B Schoombie and A Rowe.

Also present: J Kay (Town Clerk); Leah Wellings (Deputy Clerk) and Angela White.

#### 11172 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors T White, S Abraham, C Sweet, D Horn and L Patrick (all personal).

#### 11173 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nicholson declared a pecuniary interest in relation to staff payments (Agenda Item 8.1, Minute 11179.1).

#### 11174 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – KINGSHILL WARD

Angela White expressed her interest in the vacant Councillor position, there were no expression of interest.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to co-opt Angela White to the vacant Councillor position. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cllr White to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and accept the position of Councillor.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

#### 11175 REPRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

GCC Cllr Thomas had provided a written report in her absence.

Stroud District Councillor Helen Caton Hughes Council congratulated the organisers of the recent Pride event and noted that all Dursley SDC Councillors are to be briefed in advance of the upcoming Littlecombe CIC AGM.

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The Stroudfunding community crowdfunding has been launched, with QR code now operational. The initiative supports projects that improve our communities

Cllr Caton Hughes has contacted The Pulse and Rednock School about access to the gym equipment for local fire fighters, due to gym at the Dursley Station not being available.

Cllr Caton Hughes has received objection to planned takeaway at Kingshill shops, Cllr Nicholson reported that the Planning Committee had supported the application.

#### 11176 UPDATE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor has filmed some footage for an Antisocial Behaviour Video, highlighting the impact on organisations and individuals by those affected by ASB. The Mayor confirmed attendance at Dursley Pride, Cam & Dursley Flower Show, recent Army Cadet event and the Licensing of Revd Dr Juliet Jensen at St James Church and will be attending the Welcome Service for Revd. Jimmy Cullingford at Dursley Methodist Church.

#### 11177 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

#### 11178 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

#### 11179 BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

##### Council's accounts for the financial year 2024/25:

11179.1 Cllr Nicholson left the meeting. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments since the last Council meeting be authorised and signed by the Mayor. Cllr Nicholson returned to the meeting.

11179.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be authorised and signed by the Mayor.

11179.3 The income received since the last Council meeting was noted.

11179.4 The income and expenditure summary reports for 2024/25 were noted.

#### 11180 TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

##### 11180.1 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

In the absence of the Chair there were matters to report.

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11180.2 To receive an update on Tourism matters

Cllr Rowe chaired the recent meeting of Visit Dursley, which was well attended, the group worked through the action plan including the setting up of the hosting for a new website – discoverdursley.org.uk

The Town Map project is with the designer, and a draft version should be available for the upcoming Town Improvements Committee to consider. The Deputy Clerk will also be sharing proposed logos for “Discover Dursley” to Councillors for feedback.

There are lots of events taking place in next few months including annual Walking Festival, Tyndale Arts exhibition and Halloween based activities.

11181 GREEN SPACES

Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

11182 PLANNING

11182.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 2024.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the meeting.

11182.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair reported that the Committee had reviewed two proposals for EV charges at Somerset Avenue and Lister Road, however the Committee had not approved the locations but supported the idea of EV chargers in car parks and the need for fast charging, which was also not part of the proposal.

11183 POLICY AND FINANCE

Report of the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had no matters to report but noted that a record number of grant applications were to be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

11184 BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

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11185 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

It was noted that the Pride event had been extremely well organised and the committee, including Cllr T White, were thanked for their fantastic efforts both for the parade and the main event on the WMRG.

Cllr Stride reported that he had attended with Cllr M Stennett the recent meeting of the Joint Woodlands Committee, which had discussed grazing by cattle on Cam Peak.

Cllrs Eales had updated the Veterans Cycle Club UK about the proposed Pedersen sculpture on Long Street Green, with an artist being sought to provide some impression, prior to applying for planning permission.

Cllr Eales reported that St Modwen were beginning to vacate the Littlecombe site, but some rubbish was being buried and there had been unacceptable damage to the Delkin watercourse. Matters which will be raised at upcoming meetings.

Cllr M Patrick commented that quotes had been obtained for the benches and monument at the proposed memorial garden of rest on the WMRG with sponsorship being sought. The project is to be completed for remembrance services in November.

11186 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that the pavilion project was progressing, with the tender stage commencing soon. Council will have the opportunity to review the completed tenders at a future meeting. Dursley Town AFC have been updated on the project and potential impact during construction phase.

The maintenance works on the pillars at the Heritage Centre have commenced, with one complaint being raised over the noise. This is unfortunate but cannot be eliminated due to nature of works required to remove existing paint courses.

The annual staff appraisals will be commencing soon.

The Town Clerk confirmed he had not received any further update on the plans for the May Lane site and would contact SDC.

The matters of asset tags and internal control would be dealt with at future meetings of the Policy & Finance Committee.

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11187 INSPECTIONS

The scheduled Councillor inspections and checks for September and October 2024 were noted.

The meeting closed at 19:38.

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