

Minutes of Meeting: FULL COUNCIL
Date and Time: Wednesday 17 January, 2024 19.00
Venue: The Old Courthouse

Present : Cllr M Stott (Chair) G Adams, P Barron, J Berridge, R Blaney, J Bostock, P Brooker, M Brock, P Harris, J Lightwood, C Marshall, P Rainbow, K Roberts,

In Attendance : L Wright Clerk, A Brackenbury Deputy Clerk 6 members of public

AGENDA

24/01/140 Apologies for absence

24/01/141 To receive any declarations of interest.
Members are hereby reminded of the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011 - non received.

24/01/142 Minutes of previous meetings
142.1 Minutes Wednesday 11th November 23 - Agreed unanimously
142.2 Matters arising (not covered by the agenda - for information only).

24/01/143 Opportunity for questions from Councillors and Members of the Public

To suspend standing orders to allow public questions **Agreed Unanimously**

Civic Society representative thanked STC for re instating the use of the cell for storage.

Concern raised over the closure of the swimming pool.

Cllr Martin Stott assured that As soon as [Newark and Sherwood District Council] have something to say or request of the town council I will call members to an extraordinary meeting so there are no delays with this plan.

23/01/144 Chairman's Report and Announcements
Great North Road Solar application to go to P&H for consideration

24/01/145 County Councillor Report - noted and attached

24/01/146 District Councillor Reports- noted and attached
Cllr P Rainbow gave verbal report

24/01/147 Clerk & Projects Report - noted

- 24/01/148 Finance Matters –**
148.1 Summary Income & Expenditure and Reserves to end December 2024
148.2 Bills for Payment –
148.3 Late bills for payment
148.4 Consider request for Grant from MHA

Items.1, 2 & 3 Agreed unanimously

Item 4 deferred, Clerk to inform MHA of local charity which might support

Proposed Cllr R Blaney Seconded Cllr P Rainbow

- 24/01/149 To review and accept recommendation from Governance & Finance Committee – Precept, Draft Budget, and Reserves 2023/2024-** previously circulated.

It was agreed to break down the above into 3 separate motions;

1. Agreement not to pay the CCTV contribution.
Proposed Cllr P Harris Seconded Cllr John Lightwood
Agreed 5 Against 6 Abstain 4 – **not carried**
2. Amendment to propose to keep 2 hours free parking
Proposed Cllr P Harris Seconded Cllr K Roberts
Agreed 3 Against 8 Abstain 2 – **not carried**
3. Correction to 2.6 figure should be £5k
Proposed Cllr P Harris Seconded Cllr P Brooker – **Agreed Unanimously**

To accept the Governance and Finance committee recommendations

Proposed Cllr R Blaney Seconded Cllr K Roberts – **Agreed Unanimously**

- 24/01/150 Approve Terms of Reference for the Town Forum** – previously circulated
A forum for review will be set up and be agreed and set up by the next Council and will also appoint a convenor. Cllr G Adams to submit revised wording.
Proposed Cllr P Harris Seconded Cllr G Adams- **Agreed Unanimously**

- 24/01/151 Discuss the twinning with Cesky Brod – previously circulated**
It was discussed and unanimously agreed that the Twinning collaboration should be revived Cllr P Rainbow has passed on details to the Clerk who will contact Cesky Brod.

- 24/01/152 Town Environment**
152.1 Town Emergency Plan – verbal update Cllr L Harris
To be reviewed by smaller group and brought back to FC in March for approval
152.2 Approval of the Tree Management Plan – previously circulated.
Proposed Cllr L Harris Seconded Cllr J Berridge
Agreed Unanimously but with a footnote as to where statistics and quotes came from.

- 24/01/153 Update of the Skatepark Crowdfunding** – verbal update Cllr J Bostock

To suspend standing orders to allow an extra 15 minutes from 21.00- **Agreed Unanimously**

24/01/154 To receive and note the most recent committee meeting minutes from the following standing committees that have taken place since the last Full Council meeting.

154.1 Draft Planning & Highways Meeting – 7th December & 3rd January 2024 – previously circulated - G Shaw amend to G Adams Noted

154.2 Draft Town Environment 15th November -. Noted

154.3 Draft Human Resources Minutes – 27th November - Noted

154.4 Draft Governance and Finance Minutes – 14th December- Noted

24/01/155 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential items – previously circulated.

To suspend standing orders to allow an extra 15 minutes from 21.15- **Agreed Unanimously**

155.1 Review of Ecological Survey for 2.9 Acre Field of Memorial Drive
DEFERRED Until Business plan received and reviewed.

155.2 Proposal for the Tourist Information Centre

Proposed Cllr Lyn Harris Seconded Cllr P Harris

Agreed 8 Against 4 Abstain 3 Motion Carried

155.3 Proposal for Use of Office and Garage Space

Proposed Cllr L Harris Seconded Cllr M Stott

Agreed 14 Against 1

24/01/156 Items for Communication
Budget

24/01/157 Items for Agenda at next meeting - Scheme of Delegation Policy, Emergency Plan, Business Plan for Land on Memorial Drive , Town Forum Election

24/01/158 Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st February 2024

Signed Chair of Council

Date