



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 6 March 2017

The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington at 19:00.

There were no Police representative present

There was two members of the press present

There was one member of the public present

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs E Banks (in the Chair)

Cllr Mr T Bounds

Cllr Mr J Dennis

Cllr Mr M Fitton

Cllr Mr F Hawkins

Cllr Mr R MacCurrach

Cllr Mrs E Rolls

Cllr Mr B Widdowson

Cllr Mr I Wood-Johnson

APOLOGY

Cllr Mrs P Prior

Cllr Mr R Banks

Cllr Mrs C. Forrester

Cllr Mr W Laurie

Cllr Mr J Atkinson

IN ATTENDANCE

Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)

Ward Cllr T James

| Item | | Actions |
|------|---|---------|
| | The Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 19.00 hours. | |
| 1 | <u>035-17 APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Prior, Cllr Banks, Cllr Forrester, Cllr Laurie and Cllr Atkinson | |
| 2 | <u>036-17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were no Declarations of Interest declared | |
| 3 | <u>037-17 TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED</u> The Clerk confirmed that there were no new written dispensations to consider. Cllr Widdowson has an extant dispensation. | |
| 4 | <u>038-17 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS AS A TRUE RECORD (previously circulated)</u> It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 6 th February 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record. <u>RESOLVED</u> | |

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 6th February 2017 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5 039-17 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

- a To receive the Police report:
The clerk read out a report which he had received. It was reported
Two thefts from vehicles, two house burglaries and a shop theft where the suspect was
being investigated.
- b To receive the Ward Councillor's report:
The precept had been set, it was hoped that there would be a settlement to assist with
social care from central government.
- c To receive questions from members of the public:
There were no questions

6 039-17 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Engagements attended

Tuesday 14 February: Mayor's meeting Hereford to discuss Champions of
Herefordshire

Tuesday 21 February: meet with Head Master, and Chairman of Governors at
Lady Hawkins' School to discuss the possible closure of the Sixth form

Monday 27 February Attended the meeting of Local parishes regards the Library.

Future Engagements

Tuesday 7 March – The Mayor's Charity coffee morning at Ledbury (cannot
attend)

Sunday 12 March Herefordshire Civic Service, Hereford Cathedral

Tuesday 28 March attending the KTIC AGM

Tuesday 31 March attending Cantable Choir at Leominster

Thursday 30 March: Herefordshire Champions Dinner (attended by Martin Fitton)

Sunday 2 April Attending Bromyard Speed Day.

Notes on Minutes of KTC meeting on Monday 9 January 2017

005-17 Clerk to assist CPSO Alford in obtaining permission to fix a CCTV unit to
the Library The clerk confirmed that an email had been sent to PCSO
Alford

Notes on Minutes of KTC meeting on Monday 6 February 2017

027-17 Clerk appointed Ian Selkirk as Internal Auditor

026-17 Has KTC received the Impact Assessment from HSBC

Other issues

The Chamber of Trade is holding a Summer Food Fair on Saturday 3 June

The cost of a badge of office for the Deputy Mayor based on the Council Logo will costs
around £550

Prepare for 'A Celebration of Kington' at a Civic Service on Sunday 23 April at 2.30pm

7 040-17 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The clerk's report, having been circulated with the agenda, was noted: a copy of the report is held within the minute file.

8 **041-17** **FINANCE**

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To agree invoices for payment, as per schedule of payments (*included*)

| payment to | reason for expenditure | Invoice number | Cost | Minute reference | recurring |
|--|------------------------|----------------|---------|------------------|-----------|
| Reimbursement / payment to Councillors | | | | | |
| Hoople | Neighbourhood Plan | 230 | 27.60 | | |
| | Schedule of Payments | | | | |
| HMR&C | Salary | 228 | 804.35 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| Blachere | Christmas lights | 229 | 1719.24 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| Hoople | Neighbourhood Plan | 230 | 27.60 | Full 09/16 | |
| Gareth Evans | Churchyard /Lengthsman | 231 | ?175.00 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| Gwilym Rippon | expenses | 232 | 86.94 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| Grants to the Recreation Ground | | | | | |
| TAG | Rec Grant | 233 | 56.41 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| KFS | Rec Grant | 234 | 42.24 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| Countrywide | Rec Grant | 235 | 171.36 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| <u>For information only</u> | | | | | |
| PEAC | printer lease | 236 | 196.08 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| Lloyds Bank | bank charges | 237 | 3.00 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| BT | Telephone/broad band | 238 | 398.35 | Full 09/16 | ✓ |
| <u>Recreation Ground Trust (for info)</u> | | | | | |
| HMRC | Salary | | 93.00 | | ✓ |

These invoices were agreed unanimously

The Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices

9 **042-17** **MEMBERS OF AN ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017/2018**

This was discussed it was felt that the provision of Christmas decorations would benefit from an advisory group. The advisory group will consist of councillors, chaired by Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Bounds, as well as two members of Chamber of Trade and two members of the Council.

RESOLVED

That the group meet and report back in May meeting as to progress.

10 043-17 VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that there had been no applications received. The clerk reported that he had received an email from Mr. Ian Caney expressing an interest in becoming a Councillor.

The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Caney and invite him to the next Council meeting

11 044-17 UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY

The situation is still very fluid. Cllr. Widdowson reported that there had been a meeting with the surrounding Parishes, who would report back to their respective Parishes. There would be no staff shortly, the Library would be serviced from Leominster. Access to the Library outside normal hours was one of the sticking point, it was hoped that this would be resolved shortly. There would be a public meeting arranged shortly to advise of the current situation. There was concern that this might not be the end of the Library cuts

12 045-17 UPDATE ON THE SURGERY

Attention was drawn to members to the letter from Mrs Kay Birchley. Within this letter concern was shown as to the number of doctors to deal with patients effectively. It was suggested that a councillor join the patients group.

RESOLVED

Cllr. Dennis was appointed as the Council's representative on the patients' forum

13 046-17 UPDATE ON LADY HAWKINS' 6TH FORM

It had been suggested that Council write to the Minister to enquire if there was any funding to assist retaining the Sixth form. At present, more students are required to attend the 6th form which has been recently very successful. Discussions are taking place with the Council on the way forward and it was requested that this matter be kept on the agenda.

14 047-17 UPDATE ON THE HEREFORD CITY OF CULTURE

This meeting was poorly attended in Kington; however, meetings were held throughout the county at every Market Towns. There is funding available to develop a strategy which would include the Market Towns if the bid was to go ahead. The group were advised that if there were any subsequent meetings that these meetings be more widely advertised as letters of support will be sought.

15 048-17 UPDATE ON THE CLOSURE OF THE HSBC BANK

Impact assessment has now been obtained. It was highlighted that there would be a meeting at the Old Police Station shortly as the bank agreed to a follow up meeting 2 months after closure. Concern was shown as to the lack of 24hr cash machine available in the High Street. Cllr. Hawkins reported that the Chamber of Trade were exploring a provision of a cash machine somewhere on the High Street.

- 16 **049-17** **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS** (minutes circulated previously)
Nothing to report under this heading
- 17 **050-17** **TO NOTE ANY MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS**
NDP There has been further discussion Herefordshire Council as to the next stage where the plan in its draft is examined prior to the independent inspector reviewing the plan. It was hoped that the joint meeting, with the other Parishes be arranged to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan is held on Monday April 10th.
Cllr. Rolls reported that she attended reunion following the Deacons Yard closure where a list of previous employees was recorded.
- 18 **051-17** **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**
Flag master enquired if he was insured to run up the flag.
The clerk confirmed that all volunteers were covered under the Council insurance.
It was reported that there were still issues with Street lighting
- 19 **052-17** **TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**
1. Deputy Mayor's badge of office
2. Footpaths group
3. CCTV for dog fouling
4. Countryside Fair
5. Annual town meeting agenda
6. Civic award
- 20 **053-17** ***UPDATE ON THE CHURCHYARD WALL REPAIRS**

Following the update it was agreed that due to the fact that the contract had not been complied with, the contract be terminated forthwith.

The meeting ended at

Signed.....Mayor. Date