

MELTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019

Present: Councillor Buchanan (Chair), Councillor Haigh, Councillor Sonia King, Councillor Spencer King, Councillor Lyons, Councillor Millward, Councillor Noon, Councillor Storey, Councillor White and Councillor Wrathall

PUBLIC SESSION: An officer from Kirklees was in attendance concerning Item 7 and a member of Meltham Walkers are Welcome was present in connection with Item 14.

19/85 NOTICE OF THE MEETING

Taken as read.

19/86 ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is

RESOLVED: That because of the confidential/ personal/ commercially sensitive or legally prejudicial nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the following: -

- Item 3 To consider Councillors reasons for absence in private - as it would divulge personal information.

19/87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bampton and Councillor Keighley

RESOLVED: That consideration of Councillors reasons for absence would be moved to the end of the agenda

19/88 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: That Item 14 be considered first followed by Item 7 and thereafter the original order of the agenda would be followed.

19/89 GRANT APPLICATION

Councillors considered a grant application from Walkers are Welcome for funding towards refreshments during the visit from a Japanese delegation on the 25 and 26th July 2019. Councillors discussed the visit and it was agreed to provide of up to £300.00 towards the costs of refreshments.

19/90 CONSULTATION BROADLANDS RECREATION GROUND

Councillors received a briefing from Kirklees Council on the consultation and related matters in connection with the Broadlands Recreation Ground. It was reported that Kirklees Council have significant Section 106 monies which must be specifically spent on the Broadlands recreation grounds and that more funds were potentially to arise. It was reported that a consultation event will be taking place on the 27 July in the afternoon at Broadlands together with Ask Meltham engagement activity. It was agreed some promotional activity may also be a good idea during Meltham memories.

19/91 MINUTES

One of the Councillors questioned the accuracy of minute 19/55 which appointed 3 councillors regarding the Carlile Institute when only two could be appointed. In fact although the 3 Councillors were put forward the item was actually deferred to a later Council meeting for a decision and the minutes should read CARLILE INSTITUTE – to be deferred to a later meeting for a decision.

It was proposed by Councillor Noon and seconded by Councillor Storey and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 13 May 2019 be approved subject to the amendment above.

It was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Wrathall and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28 May 2019 be approved.

Councillors received and noted the notes of the Town Meeting held on the 28 May 2019 circulated with the agenda.

It was noted that a reference to the condition of the corner shop was made in the notes and it was suggested that as nothing had changed since the 28 May the Town Council should ask Kirklees Council what powers it may have to take action regarding the condition of the property. A vote took place and by a majority it was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be asked to contact Kirklees Council to request clarification on what powers it may have to take action regarding the condition of the property.

19/92 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

It was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Environmental and General Purposes Committee held on the 25 March 2019 (deferred from Council on the 13 May 2019) be approved

It was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Environmental and General Purposes Committee held on the 8 April 2019 (deferred from Council on the 13 May 2019) be approved

It was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Environmental and General Purposes Committee held on the 29 April 2019 (deferred from Council on the 13 May 2019) be approved

It was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Spencer King and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Environmental and General Purposes Committee held on the 3 June 2019 be approved.

It was proposed by Councillor Buchanan and seconded by Councillor White and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Properties, Administrative and Finance Committee held on 10 June 2019 be approved.

19/93 ASK MELTHAM

Councillors received an update on the Ask Meltham project and noted that the Broadlands specific consultation is to take place between 1-3 pm on the 27 July 2019 and Ask Meltham engagement activity was to be arranged for the same time. It was noted additional training was available 6-7 pm on the 1 July and several Councillors confirmed their attendance. The training was to be followed by a briefing 7-8 pm and several more Councillors confirmed they would be attending this.

19/94 JAPANESE KNOTWEED CONTROL

Councillors considered a quote received from River Holme Connections about Japanese Knotweed control for this year on land owned by the Council included with the agenda. Councillors noted that as previously the costs were subsidised and represented value for money and therefore decided to proceed and approved the necessary expenditure.

RESOLVED: That the quote received from River Holme Connections about Japanese Knotweed control for this year on land owned by the Council be accepted and the necessary expenditure was approved.

19/95 VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY

Councillors considered correspondence received outlining the celebrations being planned for the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th through to the 10th May 2020 and encouraging councils to take part included with the agenda and it was agreed that this should be something developed in consultation with the church, the British Legion, Carlile Institute, Meltham Memories and other local organisations. It was agreed that all the Councillors should liaise with groups they are involved with and see what interest there was and for the matter to be put on the agenda of the next Council meeting for further discussion.

19/96 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS / TOWN COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillors noted the report released by the Committee on Standards in Public Life 'Local Government Ethical Standards' a link to which was provided to all Councillors when the electronic version of the agenda was sent out. Councillors considered the correspondence received from the Kirklees Council Monitoring Officer (circulated with the agenda) requesting that the Town Council adopt the same code of conduct as Kirklees Council and identifying the advantages of such a course of action. Councillors noted the contents of the Kirklees Councils code of conduct (a link to which was provided to all Councillors when the electronic version of the agenda was sent out) and also noted the Clerks comments to Kirklees Council in this regard. Councillors discussed whether in principle the Town Council would wish to adopt the same code of conduct as Kirklees Council rather than the NALC version which was currently in place. Councillors decided that in principle the Town Council should adopt a suitable version of Kirklees Council's code of conduct.

RESOLVED: That in principle the Town Council adopt the same code of conduct as Kirklees Council and the Clerk to liaise with Kirklees Council for an appropriate version of the Kirklees code to be brought back to a future meeting for consideration and adoption if appropriate.

19/97 THE PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES (WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS) (No.2) ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS 2018

Councillors considered the note produced by the Yorkshire Associations of Local Councils and the NALC legal briefing note circulated with the agenda. Councillors considered the actions the Council will need to take, the deadlines it will need to meet and the additional resources that will be required to ensure compliance. It was agreed that the Clerk about a quote from the Councils website designer for an audit of compliance and actions necessary to ensure compliance by the deadline to be brought back to a later Council meeting.

19/98 RESILIENCE

Councillors considered a request to develop a structured response from the Town Council in crisis /emergency situations occurring in Meltham. It was agreed that this should be considered by the Communications Committee.

19/99 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

That because of the confidential and personal nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press were asked to leave the meeting.

Councillors considered the reasons for absence provided by Councillor Bampton

RESOLVED: That the reasons for Councillor Bamptons absence were accepted and the absence was therefore approved.

The meeting was closed.