

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2003

PRESENT

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison, Collins, Warwick and Holmes, Messrs. Fisher, Leith, Steeples, Blake, Wren and Coward, District Councillor Mr. Chapman.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Reddick, Messrs. Dear, Gray and Fletcher, District Councillor Mr. Brown and County Councillor Mr. Younger.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor offered his condolences to Mr. Jordan on the recent death of his wife.

Those present were informed that the next full Council meeting will be on 19th December.

The Mayor read out extracts from a letter received from Mr Boatwright regarding the difficulties in finding volunteers to assist in organising such events as the Christmas Illuminations and Summer Fayre.

Mr. Mackin further stated that he will be asking the Finance and Policy Committee to consider the setting up of a Volunteers Register to assist with community work generally.

Attention was drawn to the Public Meeting of the Town Plan on December 1st and urged fellow Councillors to attend.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 An invitation to attend the AGM of Victim Support Bedfordshire on 3rd December to be held at Toddington Village Hall.

6.2 A letter from a resident in Whitworth Court confirming that she would like a letter that she had previously written regarding nuisance youths playing football in Duck Lane Car Park to be passed to the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire.

6.3 A letter from Beds C C regarding 'salting' in 2003/2004.

- 6.4 Mid Beds D C Forward Plan 1st December 2003 to 31st March 2004.
- 6.5 Leaflets from Mediation Link explaining the services that are offered by a group of local Lawyer Mediators to help the public resolve family disputes as amicably as possible without the need for potentially expensive litigation.
- 6.6 An invitation from Mid Beds Council for Voluntary Services to attend a one-day First Aid Course on Monday 15th December. Mrs. Collins to attend.
- 6.7 A letter from Mid Beds D C regarding Scrutiny of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Mid Bedfordshire. The letter stated that some Councils had already replied but there was still a further opportunity to respond by 31st December 2003.
- 6.8 A notice from Mid Beds D C stating that the meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee scheduled for 3rd December has been cancelled.
- 6.9 A donation form from Childline offering an 'Alternative Christmas Card Scheme'
- 6.10 Four volumes from Mid Beds D C – 1). Written Statement Incorporating Proposed Modifications. 2). Proposals Maps Incorporating Proposed Modifications. 3). Statement of Decisions and Reasons for making Proposed Modifications. 4). List of Inspectors Recommendations not accepted by the Council and the Reasons.
- 6.11 A development brief for London Luton Airport.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were adopted:

Planning and Environment of 5th and 19th November 2003

Services and Maintenance of 12th November 2003

Finance and Policy of 19th November 2003 – Ventrolla were preferred as the most suitable contractor to repair Council Chamber widow sills/sashes. Conservation Dept. Beds. C C to be notified.

8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This report could not be given due to the absence of Mr. Younger.

Mr. Leith gave an update on the flood information he had gathered. Appreciation was expressed for the work he has done to date and a further discussion is to take place at the Finance and Policy meeting in January.

9. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Chapman.

10. ACCOUNTS

Accounts as listed in the Minute Book were approved for payment.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Advice was given from previous experience that permission from the Conservation Department of the County Council should be sought before any remedial work is carried out on the Council Chamber window sills.

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.
