

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2005

PRESENT

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Warwick, Clark, Holmes and Reddick, Messrs. Steeples, Fisher, Leith and Gray. County Councillor Mr. Younger, District Councillor Mr. Chapman and P C Battams.

1. APOLOGIES

Mesdames Harrison and Rooker, Messrs. Wren, Coward and Dear. District Councillors Mr. Brown and Mr. Birt.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th October were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

It was agreed to purchase keys and locks to replace those missing on certain of the bollards in the High Street.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor offered his congratulations and thanks to members of the Christmas Lights Committee and volunteers in providing yet another magnificent display in and around the town centre. A letter thanking both committee members and volunteers is to be sent accordingly.

Mr. Mackin informed those present that the Remembrance Parade had gone well and offered his thanks to all the Councillors that had attended as well as those that had paraded.

It was understood that as the District Council had been 'capped' they were going to cancel their grant programme. However, Mr. Mackin informed those present that this policy had now been reviewed and as a consequence the Shefford Community Safety Group has now received a cheque for £420. This will be used to fund the purchase of equipment for the Youth Service and several Homewatch signs.

The Mayor informed members that the Finance and Policy Committee had decided to revive the previously named Leisure Committee as there is a need to manage resources in all play areas for which the Council has a responsibility. The committee's role would be to organise various events in the town such as the recent VJ Day celebration as well as dealing with nominations for awards. It is anticipated that the committee would have 4 permanent members and a Chairman but will be able to co-opt other members as required to assist with the workload and to provide additional skills and resources. Mr. Mackin said he hoped that 'newer' members of the Council would consider joining.

The final full Council meeting of this calendar year will be held on 30th December which will be followed by some light refreshments.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Community Crime Intelligence Trend Sheet for the month of November.
- 6.2 Recorded Crime Incidents for October 2005.
- 6.3 Standard Board for England Bulletin no. 26.
- 6.4 Community Advisory Panel B:DAT – Meeting Notes August 2005.
- 6.5 Mid Beds District Council Forward Plan 1st December 2005 to 31st March 2006.
- 6.6 Tastes of Bedfordshire Food and Crafts Booklet
- 6.7 Various publications : Bedfordshire, Horizon, Clerks & Councils Direct, Local Councils Update, Funding Times, World Wide News.

7. POLICE REPORT

This was given by PC Battams.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were adopted :

Planning & Environment of 2nd and 16th November 2005.

Services and Maintenance of 9th November 2005.

Finance and Policy of 16th November.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Younger.

10. TOWN PLAN UPDATE REPORT

This was given by Mrs. Holmes.

11. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Chapman.

12. ACCOUNTS

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

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

The Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

