



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2023
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

- PRESENT:** Councillor: Sarah Schaathun (Deputy Mayor)
- Councillors: Sue Amor, Stan Brotherton, John Campbell-Muir, John Clatworthy, Andrew Dyke, Callum Gailey, Terri Gailey, Mark Goodge, Marion Griffiths, Julie Haines, Tim Haines, Heather Kelleher, Bill Kimberley, Celia Kimberley, Robbie Raphael, Peter Scurfield and Julie Tucker
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Jo Adams, Town Clerk
- ALSO PRESENT:** The Mayor's Chaplain Revd Caroline Green; 11 members of the public

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

45. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Alan Booth, Chrissy Smith, Emma Nishigaki, Nigel Deacon and Ann Lyon.

46. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

There were none.

47. Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Mayor had sent apologies.

Cllr Campbell-Muir read a statement regarding various interactions between councillors. Cllr Campbell-Muir stated that he felt he had been bullied, harassed and coerced by a fellow Councillor and wanted all Members of the Full Council aware of what had happened.

48. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 12th June 2023 were circulated and adopted as a true record.

49. Minutes of Extraordinary Meetings

- a) **Extraordinary Town Council Meeting 26 June 2023:** It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting of the 26th June as a true record and to ratify decisions.

- b) **Extraordinary Town Council Meeting 3 July 2023:** It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting of the 3rd July as a true record and to ratify decisions. Cllr Haines abstained.

50. Committee Minutes

- a) **Planning & Estates – 5 June 2023:** It was resolved to approve the minutes including the committee's recommendations subject to an amendment to the minutes to record Cllr Goodge's apologies.
- b) **Finance & General Purposes – 19 June 2023:** It was resolved to approve the minutes including the committee's recommendations subject to an amendment to the minutes that Cllr Raphael was a volunteer for the Wychavon Festival of Brass not a committee member.

51. Finance

The item was deferred.

52. To appoint Members to Personnel Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committees

Cllr Amor was appointed to the Personnel Committee. Cllr Clatworthy was appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

53. To create a Working Group to review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

It was resolved to create a Working Group as suggested. The members were agreed as Cllrs Brotherton, Goodge, Dyke, Clatworthy and Schaathun.

54. Civil Weddings/Partnerships at the Town Hall

Members of the Town Hall working group had considered using the Town Hall for civil weddings and partnerships. The Registrar had visited the hall and also looked at the Mayors Parlour and Council Chamber, and had confirmed that the venue was suitable.

The cost of the licence from Worcestershire County Council to hold weddings at the current time was:

From 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024:

3-year licence £1,850.00

5-year licence £3,000.00

6-year licence £3,500.00

The fee included the public notice and all administration.

It was noted that the fee structure would need to ensure that all costs for any weddings and partnerships held at the hall were covered.

It was resolved that the council apply for a 6-year licence, to be applied for when the logistics, pricing and advertising had been organised.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Public Questions

A statement was read out by Ms Sharon Hemming. Ms Hemming had been party to an hour long telephone conversation between Cllr Campbell-Muir in which a fellow Councillor had given Cllr Campbell-Muir an ultimatum to join them and other fellow councillors in order to vote for each other. Cllr Campbell-Muir refused to accept the ultimatum. Ms Hemming stated that an ancestor of hers was a Councillor and he would be shocked at how Members were treating each other.

A resident spoke about the recent firework display in the town, and asked if the council could give consideration to 'quiet' fireworks that contained no gunpowder.

Cllr Alan Booth
Mayor

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