



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

- PRESENT:** Councillor: Alan Booth (Mayor)
- Councillors: Sarah Schaathun (Deputy Mayor), Sue Amor, Patrick Boyd, Stan Brotherton, John Campbell-Muir, John Clatworthy, Nigel Deacon, Andrew Dyke, Callum Gailey, Terri Gailey, Mark Goodge, Marion Griffiths, Julie Haines, Tim Haines, Heather Kelleher, Bill Kimberley, Celia Kimberley, Ann Lyon, Emma Nishigaki, Robbie Raphael, Peter Scurfield and Chrissy Smith
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Jo Adams, Town Clerk
- ALSO PRESENT:** The Mayor's Chaplain Revd Caroline Green; Representatives from Re-Events, Wychavon Festival of Brass and the Evesham River Festival; 5 members of the public

A minute's silence was held for Councillor Ed Cohen who was a serving Wychavon District Councillor who recently passed away.

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

27. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Julie Tucker.

28. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

There were none.

29. Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Bands in the Park event which had been very well-attended.

Cllr Campbell-Muir read a statement apologising for his fractious behaviour at the meeting on the 22nd May.

30. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of the meeting on 15th and 22nd May 2023 were circulated and adopted as true records.

31. Almonry Update

The Almonry Manager gave a verbal report on the application for funding from the MEND fund.

32. Festival Grant Funding

Four organisations had applied for funding from the £15,000 budget for festival funding.

- i) The Battle of Evesham had applied for £15,000.
- ii) Wychavon Festival of Brass had applied for £2,200.
- iii) Evesham River Festival had applied for £4500.
- iv) Evesham Music Festival had applied for £5,000.

Each organisation gave a short presentation and as the requested amounts was more than was in the budget, the item was deferred to the next Finance Meeting on 19th June 2023.

33. Appointments of Council's Representatives to Outside Bodies

The following were appointed as Town Council representatives to Outside Bodies:

- Estate Charity of John Rudge Cllr Smith and Cllr Schaathun
- Evesham Relief in Need Charity – Cllrs Raphael and Cllr Boyd
- Vale Volunteers – Cllr Clatworthy and Cllr Scurfield
- John Martins Charity – Cllr Booth and Cllr Griffiths
- Great & Little Hampton Education Charity – Cllr Kelleher
- Vale Public Transport Group – Cllr Tucker

It was noted that the representatives would be bound by the rules and regulations of the bodies/organisations to which they are appointed.

34. Sign to deter bird feeding in the Market Square

A report was circulated with the agenda advising that the Civic Society had contacted the town council to ask it if would put its name to signs that ask residents not to feed the birds in the Market Square and around the Town Hall. The Civic Society would purchase the sign and would have the town crest and Evesham Town Council on it.

It was resolved for the council to support the Civic Society's request.

35. Use of Town Hall for Councillors to hold monthly surgeries.

A report was circulated with the agenda following a request from Councillors to hold regular monthly surgeries in the Town Hall. Days and times when the hall was most commonly hired would be avoided.

Following discussion it was resolved to allow Councillors to use the hall free of charge for a trial period of 3 months.

36. Fencing for Water Park in Abbey Park

A report was circulated with the agenda advising that residents had suggested that there should be a fence around the newly installed waterpark in Abbey Park managed by Wychavon District Council.

The council supported the suggestion of a fence. Cllr C. Gailey would write a letter to Wychavon District Council asking if the District Council would, as owners of the water park, install a fence around its perimeter.

37. Unauthorised HGV parking at Vale Park

A report was circulated with the agenda requesting that Evesham Town Council petitioned the relevant authorities to prevent the increasing problem of HGVs parking illegally on road on Vale Park for long periods over weekends, particularly on Millenium Way and Enterprise Way.

It was resolved that the council would write to Wychavon District Council, Worcestershire County Council and The West Midlands Traffic Commissioner to ask that the problem be addressed and preventative action put in place.

38. Christmas Lights

A report was circulated with the agenda advising that the Contract with SparkX had expired and no provision was in place for 2023. The Council was asked if it wanted to extend the contract for one year with SparkX.

Cllr Booth and Cllr Kimberley want the lights extended up Port Street to manage residents expectations.

It was resolved to extend the contract with SparkX for 2023 and set up a working group to look at provision for 2024.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.00pm.

Cllr Alan Booth
Mayor