

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 AT WALLACE HOUSE, EVESHAM AT 6:30PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor: R. Raphael (Mayor)

Councillors: J. Clatworthy, M. Arens, A. Booth, Mrs S. Amor, P. Scurfield,

S. Brotherton, D. Davis, M. Goodge, Mrs M. Griffiths, Mrs J.

Haines, T. Haines, R. Hale, Miss S. Hemming, Mrs E. Nishigaki, Mrs

C. Smith, Mrs E. Stokes,

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** Mrs M. Tasker, Mr D. Tasker.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs S. Schaathun, Finance Officer, Mrs K. Rose Administrator

**ALSO PRESENT:** 7 members of the public

## 30. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr A. Lyon, Cllr B. Kimberley, Cllr C. Kimberley, Cllr J. Campbell-Muir, Cllr A. Dyke.

#### 31. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

There were none.

# 32. Announcements by the Town Mayor

The Mayor congratulated Ourside Youth Centre on their awrd from the Kings Award for Voluntary service, Sarah Wells for launching another incredible Bands in the Park and the Polish community and Blue Strawberry events for organising the Evesham Food Festival. He thanked everybody who attended the D-Day Memorial service.

Online neighbourhood watch cards were circulated and he asked those present to sign up. He also circulated brochures for the upcoming Evesham Festival of Words on 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Finally he promoted the Mayors Charity Quiz night on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Hampton Club at 8.00 pm tickets are £10.00.

## 33. Updates from District and County Councillors

Mary Tasker advised about that Community Legacy Grants Applications closed on 30 May 2024.

Bio Diversity Plan is in consultation at present covering the Active Plan policy.

Regarding the upcoming General Election on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Deadline to register to vote: 11.59 on Tuesday 18 June.

Deadline to apply for or amend a postal vote: 5 pm Wednesday 19 June.



Deadline to apply for a proxy vote: 5 pm Wednesday 26 June. Deadline to apply for voter ID (Vote Authority Certificate): 5pm Wednesday 26 June.

During the election period Wychavon Planning committee would still be meeting the next one will be on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

# 34. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Rob Hale attended a meeting for "Intensive Engagement" for the Home Office. This is to tackle Anti-social behaviour in the town. This is part of an eight stage program. He said the Evesham has a high level of anti-social behaviour and drug use but Evesham is fortunate for the number of facilities it has.

Cllr Alan Booth shared that Evesham Shopmobility has got into financial difficulty and will be closing soon. Alan also said the Wartime in the Vale is on weekend of Saturday 15 June to Sunday 16 June 2024.

A report was made by Karen Kempton WPC who shared statistics to the Council of Evesham's latest crime figures.

## 35. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of 13th May 2024 and 20th May 2024

It was resolved to approve the minutes subject to the date of the Quiz Night being changed to the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for the above meetings. Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr John Clatworthy.

#### **36.** Committee Minutes

Minutes were not approved as changes to the location and the seconder for the Vice Chairman were incorrect. These will be resubmitted for approval in the Planning and Estates Committee meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### 37. Financial Information

- **a)** It was resolved and approved to accept the Payments and Receipts for April 2024. Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr Mark Goodge and agreed.
- **b)** It was resolved and approved to accept the Accounts for the year 2023/2024. Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr Mark Goodge and agreed. Cllr Emma Nishigaki abstained.
- **c)** It was resolved and approved to accept the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/2024. Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr Peter Scurfield and agreed.
- **d)** It was resolved and approved to accept the Accounting Statements 2023/2024. Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr John Clatworthy and agreed.



- **e)** Cllr Robert Raphael shared that the internal auditor had described the internal audit "as fab". Cllr Mark Goodge also commented how good it was that the accounts were so up to date. It was resolved and approved to accept the Internal Auditors Report 2023/2024. Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr John Clatworthy and agreed.
- **f)** It was resolved and approved to accept the Direct Debits for the year 2023/2024 Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr Mark Goodge and agreed.
- g) It was resolved and approved to agree the date for the period for the exercise of Public Rights. This will commence on Monday 17 June 2024 and end Friday 26 July 2024. Proposed by Cllr Robert Raphael, seconded by Cllr John Clatworthy and agreed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.30pm.

Cllr R. Raphael Mayor