

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on Thursday 9th June 2016
in The Community Hall, Ledbury

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor D Baker, Chairman
R Barnes A Bradford
A Crowe (part) M Eager
M Eakin E Fieldhouse
K Francis A Harrison
E Harvey A Manns
N Morris J Roberts
N Roberts A Warmington

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman - Deputy Clerk to the Council
8 members of the public and Press

C.74 - 06.16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bettington, Mackness and Yeoman.

C.75 - 06.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Eager declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a claim for travel expenses

Cllr N Morris declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 11.3 relating to a payment to his wife.

C.76 - 06.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident spoke of her concerns over recent negative portrayal of the Council and urged members to make every effort to unite.

A local resident questioned the adequacy of the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th May, 2016.

The Acting Chairman of Ledbury Food Group spoke in support of its grant application (refer F.45-06.16) and clarified that the funding would be used to put on the annual Food Festival on 10th July, 2016.

C.77 - 06.16 MINUTES

A proposal to add in additional narrative text to the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 12th May 2016, was seconded, and a named vote was taken.

VOTING: For: 4
 A Harrison E Harvey
 N Morris A Warmington

Against: 5
 R Barnes A Crowe
 M Eager E Fieldhouse
 N Roberts

Absentions: 6
 D Baker J Roberts
 A Bradford K Francis
 M Eakin A Manns

The vote being lost, the Minutes were confirmed as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

VOTING: For: 11
Absentions: 4

C.78 - 06.16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Mayor gave a report on her activities since the last meeting, copies having been circulated, and advised that she had received the following correspondence:

Letter from HALO re swimming pool changing rooms
 Email from local resident re traffic management
 Postcard from Eastnor resident re town centre bunting.

Councillor Crowe left the meeting at this point.

C.79 - 06.16 ARMED FORCES DAY

Members received an update from a representative of the Herefordshire 1916 Centenary Commemoration Committee regarding arrangements for Armed Forces day events taking place in Ledbury on 25th June 2016.

C.80 - 06.16 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Members received a report of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group meeting held on 31st May 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For: 10
Absentions: 4

C.81 - 06.16 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllrs Harvey and Warmington gave their ward member reports on activities at county level.

C.82 - 06.16 COMMITTEE MATTERS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

1. Cllr E Harvey presented the Minutes of the extraordinary Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on 14th April, 2016, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes P.35-04.16 to P.44-04.16 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

2. Cllr R Barnes, Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May, 2016, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes P.45-05.16 to P.55-05.16 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 12
Abstentions 2

C.83 - 06.16 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2016, copies having been circulated.

Referring to 'In Attendance' Cllr Warmington stated that although he was not a committee member, he had attended the meeting and wished to be listed as a Councillor.

Councillor Harvey declared a non pecuniary interest in item E.39-05.16 as a member of Love Ledbury, looking after Bye Street toilets.

Referring to E.39, a lengthy exchange was had concerning financial support for Bye Street toilets and the charitable status of Love Ledbury.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes E.34-05.16 to E.47-05.16, as amended, be received and noted, and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 3

2. Members considered watering of summer bedding displays in the town centre. The Clerk reported that a contribution of £400 from a Ledbury in Bloom sponsor had been offered to help meet costs.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council include the summer bedding displays in the watering schedule for the 2016 season.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.84 - 06.16 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

1. In view of the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee's absence, The Town Mayor, Cllr D Baker presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June 2016, copies having been previously circulated.

Referring to F.45-06.16,3 Participatory Budgeting Grant Distribution; In the light of information provided earlier in the meeting, members reconsidered the recommendation not to support the Ledbury Food Group grant request for £400.

RESOLVED: That the Ledbury Food Group be awarded a grant of £400 to put on the food and drink element of The Ledbury Celebration on Sunday 10th July, 2016.

VOTING: Unanimous

Referring to F.45-06.16, 5.3, Cllr Harrison offered an explanation for costs incurred as a result of his discussions with the internal auditor.

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.40-06.16 to F.54-06.16, as amended, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 11
Against 2
Abstentions 1

2. To appoint Cllr J Roberts to serve on the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Roberts be appointed to serve on the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

VOTING: For 12
Against 2

3. To consider invoices for payment.

Councillors Morris and Eager left the room during discussion of the items in which they had declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Members considered the payment of £15.50 to reimburse Councillor Eager for travel expenses incurred as a result of attendance at a meeting of the Market Towns Forum in Hereford.

RESOLVED: That payment be approved.

VOTING: For 11
Against 1

Members considered the payment of £650.00 to Joyce Mason for the design of the Tourism Brochure.

Concern was raised that the instruction for the design work had been issued by a Councillor contrary to Standing Orders and Financial regulations and without obtaining other estimates for the work.

Councillors Bradford, Eakin and Manns left the meeting at this point..

Following discussion,

it was **RESOLVED:** That the invoice be approved for payment.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.85 - 06.16 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT

Members noted an update by Councillor Yeoman.

Councillor Manns left the meeting at this point..

C.86 - 06.16 OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports.

C.87 - 06.16 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

A list of general correspondence received in the office was circulated to members for information.

C.88 - 06.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Full Council meeting is scheduled to take place on 21st July, 2016.

The meeting closed at 10.22pm.

Chairman..... Date.....