

MINUTES of a MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2012,
At 7pm in the Council Chamber at 28 High Street, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs Monger (Chairman) Barry, Castle (joined meeting as indicated), Cawte, Eatwell, Knight, Payne, Reeves, van de Poll and Wiseman Apologies: Cllrs Chambers & Gibbs (unwell) – accepted. (also received from AVDC Cllr Renshell) Clerk: B Bradford 1 Member of the Press was present throughout and 1 member of the public joined the meeting as indicated</p>
12/01	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: none</p> <p><i>The meeting was adjourned</i> <i>Apologies and a Crime Statistics Report e-mailed from Thames Valley Police were circulated, figures for Theft had risen due to a sharp increase in drive away petrol thefts, work is being undertaken with the victim to resolve the issues.. TVP will attend February meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting continued in adjournment to view a presentation received from Events Chairman John Knight concerning the recent surveys undertaken at Farmers Market (FM). In conclusion the FM is extremely successful and is comparing well in terms of attendance and spend with both national and regional averages, marketing will be directed at expanding the geographical distribution of customers.</i> <i>Cllr Castle joined the meeting during this item.</i> <i>Meeting reconvened at 7.20pm</i></p>
12/02	<p>Minutes of Meeting on 1st December RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting having noted the omission from item 11/247 that a draw was undertaken to establish the winner of the recent Neighbourhood Plan Survey “lucky response”. The winner had received the 19in flatscreen TV from the Mayor on Friday 16th December and was most appreciative. Matters Arising: Members noted also that there had been an omission from minute 11/229 – Members RESOLVED to make a donation of £30 to the Poppy Appeal in respect of the wreath laid at the Remembrance Parade, the funds being authorised under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the sum being considered proportional to the benefit to the community and within the annual permissible limit for Winslow.</p>
12/03	<p>Correspondence Bucks CC – encouragement to Parishes to hold County to account through its Scrutiny Committees on both BCC and Health Authority matters. BALC – invitation to nominate a Councillor for consideration to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party. RESOLVED that Cllr Castle be nominated as currently the longest serving Member. AVDC Streetnaming – request to advise, via the Clerk, of street name signs in need of replacement Bucks CC – enquiry re.and support available for youth involvement in Parish Councils. RESOLVED that Cllr Payne would investigate how this could be progressed in Winslow, and report back with a proposal for next steps, within 3 months. Resident – complaint re lack of progress on VAS for Granborough Road, The Clerk had circulated her response and the resident had been gratified to learn TVP would undertake speed enforcement action in the area shortly. 7.35pm <i>Member of the public joined the meeting</i></p>
12/04	<p>Clerk’s Report: Precept Capping - Members noted confirmation that this would not be implemented for the coming financial year, 2012-13</p>
12/05	<p>Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator signs (VAS) The Clerk advised that delays in implementation of the Buckingham Road sign rest with Western Power re. electrical supply, Sheep Street location has been agreed and now awaits BCC installation and connection, Granborough Road location agreed subject to survey and quotes re electrical connection. The Clerk was urged to maintain pressure on BCC to complete implementation of all items asap. Members considered ongoing maintenance costs of these items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approx £140pa per unit in electricity (can be met from streetlight power budget) - Maintenance – an annual package at approx £200 per unit is available, - Insurance – for an annual premium of £350 all 3 could be added to the existing policy (including for collision damage), <p>RESOLVED that maintenance and insurance cover be purchased for at least the first year of operation for all sites, funded from reserves if required. Members noted that BCC had advised that any surplus LAF budget re Sheep Street item could be used to offset the cost to WTC of the Granborough Road item, and/or the first maintenance agreement.</p>

12/06	<p>Report of the Amenities Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 20th December</p> <p>Jubilee Treeplanting (A11/192) Members noted that both the Sports Club and Lions had been successful in bidding for 420 trees each to be planted in early February at the Sports and Burial Grounds..</p> <p>Fitness Trail (A11/199) a suggestion re. location was noted - along the length of the cycle path from Piccadilly to Swanbourne Road.</p> <p>Jubilee Games Area (A11/198) Members noted that construction should start shortly and that the required publicity of grants had been included in recent editorial in both the Parish Magazine and local papers.</p>
12/07	<p>Report of the Development Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 14th December and that the meeting scheduled for 4th January had been deferred until 11th January.</p> <p>Recent Applications (D11/191) Members noted that the application re erection of solar panels on no.1 Bell Walk had been refused rather than withdrawn and would no doubt be discussed at the meeting with John Byrne & colleagues on 24th January (D11/180) and that the Station Road Business Park applicant had taken the matter to appeal.</p> <p>Vale Plan (D11/192) Members noted that the circulated draft response had been submitted with more detailed submissions to follow in due course.</p> <p>WRG Incinerator at Greatmoor (D11/197) Members noted that Cllr Cawte had requested to speak at Committee against the application, per the detailed objection already submitted, but that if more appropriate Winslow would support a combined parishes representation in order to make best impact from the time to be allocated to objectors.</p> <p>BCC Minerals & Waste Core Strategy (D11/153) Members noted that representation of Winslow by local parishes experts had been authorised by the Committee.</p>
12/08	<p>Report of the Events Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 5th December and that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th January.</p> <p>Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (Ev11/158) RESOLVED to ACCEPT the RECOMMENDATION that a Working Party (WP) be formed, that Mrs Corben be co-opted as chairman of the WP and a member of the Events Committee for the duration of relevant business. Further RESOLVED that Cllr Reeves be appointed to the Jubilee Working Party to represent Council. First meeting to be held in the Chamber at 8pm on Monday 16th January, all organisations had been invited and responses to date encouraging.</p>
	<p>Report of the Resources Committee Members noted the draft minutes of meeting on 15th December</p>
	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Chamber of Trade: One complaint had been received from a resident about the hugely successful Christmas Fayre – concerning blatant commercialism - this had been balanced by numerous complements received by many CoT and Council members.</p> <p>AVALC: notes of a meeting with AVDC had been circulated, the next meeting is 18th January.</p>
12/09	<p>Payments for signature: RESOLVED to authorise the signature of the circulated list of cheques by Cllrs Wiseman and Reeves, and also the reinvestment of funds with Co-Op Bank on 6 month Fixed Term Deposit.</p>
12/10	<p>Winslow Library After meetings with BCC members of The Friends had reached the conclusion that they did not wish to take on the level of responsibility required by the draft agreements. A letter is to be sent detailing that the Friends are prepared only to organise and provide volunteers to work in the library under the direction of BCC, it is considered this would satisfy the bulk of the financial saving sought by County.</p>
12/11 8pm	<p>Winslow Youth Centre Members had received copies of the Management Committee's submission to County, draft lease, and notes of meetings between WTC and BCC. In addition an outline of organisational requirements and financial implications had been circulated for a position where WTC would make the application to BCC to take on the building and provision of services, and the existing organisations would provide fundraising and provision of the youth service itself.</p> <p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow the member of the public present to participate in debate</i></p> <p>Discussions covered the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need for the current management committee to confirm that they are not prepared to progress the submitted application to take over the building and provide services themselves. • Confirmation that if WTC are to make the application for BCC for transition funding and the lease of the building, the existing management committee would undertake to deliver the youth service by either contracting with the existing provider or others agreeable to WTC.

<p>8.50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that currently there are two committees and the service provider – Winslow Youth Centre Management Committee (WYCMC) and Winslow Youth Café (WYC), who in turn commission Aylesbury Youth for Christ (AYC) to deliver the Friday night Youth Café service. It was agreed as highly desirable that WYCMC and WYC consolidate into one body with whom WTC could contract. • The current and future costs of the AYC provision seemed inconsistent and clarification is required as soon as possible from WYCMC/WYC as to ongoing costs and how it is proposed to meet those costs <u>and</u> whether the fundraising targets indicated are achievable. • Taking on the building with current users would commit WTC to a minimum of around £5,000 additional costs in the coming financial year. If current hiring arrangements fail this could be as much as around £11,500 per annum. Such funding is unbudgeted, would have to be precepted for in future years, but could be met by transition funding and/or WTC reserves in the current/coming financial year • Some costs could be contained, others may increase through WTC involvement • At this stage WTC would not seek to use the building, but would seek to hire to other users to maximise income to sustain the building and secure youth service provision. • All users should anticipate that they would contribute to the running costs of the building through realistic hire fees, currently this is not always the case. This would include all those delivering youth services, but there could ultimately be reciprocal grant funding from WTC towards the provision of the services • WYC have acknowledged that a structure of fees for attendees will have to be introduced and plan to do so shortly • AYC have started training Winslow volunteer leaders from within the ranks of attendees. • It may be possible to attract commercial hirers and hires outside current usage times should be considered. Current usage of space may have to adapt to achieve this. • WTC would be making a commitment in order to maintain youth service provision for the town, not necessarily to support WYC per se <p><i>Meeting reconvened</i> Cllr Castle declared an interest as member of both Winslow Youth Club Management and Winslow Youth Café Committees. RESOLVED unanimously that: Council (the Clerk & Cllr Monger) would progress taking on responsibility for the lease of the Winslow Youth Centre and, in tandem with that, provision of Youth Services, these being, in the first instance subcontracted to the Winslow Youth Centre Management Committee (or whatever organisation emerges from the current organising committees).</p>
<p>12/12</p>	<p>East West Rail Cllr van de Poll reported that he and Cllr Monger had met with Patrick O’Sullivan of East West Rail and Stephen Watson of BCC who updated on what the recent announcement means in terms of timetable and certainty and shared initial plans for the station. Winslow’s concern re level of parking and the need for substantially improved and interlinking bus services were acknowledged. Winslow’s interest and level of local enthusiasm is useful to the team and it is to be hoped that WTC will be allowed to be involved in more detailed planning as the project moves along. A request has been made for information from a parallel situation as to how it impacted the local community in terms of pressure for infrastructure, jobs and houses etc.</p>
<p>12/13</p> <p>9.08pm</p>	<p>Items For Information New Homes Bonus (NHB) Cllr Van de Poll reported that AVDC were about to debate/agree the allocation of sums of NHB currently payable to offset general expenditure. He had ascertained that there would be NHB payable in respect of the current phase of the Verney Road development which would amount to substantial sums over the 6 year period of payment. Members were in agreement that Development Committee should make strong representations to AVDC (and other parishes via AVALC) along the lines of the text suggested at the meeting, i.e. that 40% of the total NHB should be payable to WTC if supported by a business case – per the intentions of central government ie to reward local communities for accepting development.</p> <p><i>Meeting Closed</i></p>
	<p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date):</p>