

## **WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of the MEETING of COUNCIL**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, at 7.00pm, in the Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. MK18 3HF

**Present:** Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Castle, Cawdell, Cawte, Cornell, Goss, Hamley, Keys, Onley, and van de Poll.

**Absent:** Cllrs. Slevin and Wiseman. Apologies accepted

**Clerk:** C Loch

**In attendance:** Buckinghamshire Councillor J Chilver. An apology was received from Buckinghamshire Councillor B Stanier. No members of the press or public were present.

#### **22/85 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

None

#### **22/86 Minutes of Meetings held 12<sup>th</sup>. January 2023:**

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising:**

None.

#### **22/87 Items Deferred from Previous Meeting:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

None

#### **22/88 Administration, Finance and Payments for Signature:**

**Authorisation of payments:** Members considered the payments listing totalling £15,244.07 and RESOLVED to approve the listing for electronic payment. It was also Resolved to authorise payment of the Jet Construction invoice once Certificate 7 confirming the invoice amount was received.

#### **Annual Town Meeting:**

The Mayor's Cadet Award would again be made in 2023. The Chair would be arranging a guest speaker. Committee Chairs were asked to submit committee reports by April 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

**Annual Council Meeting:** Members were asked to consider current Standing Orders and Policies and raise any matters for review in good time for the Annual Council meeting.

#### **22/89 Correspondence Received:** If not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

WI Speaker: The Chair had accepted an invitation to speak at a WI meeting in June.

Scout Hut Wall: A concern over the safety of the wall had been raised by a resident. The Council had arranged for the wall to be inspected and ascertained that there was no immediate safety issue. However, the ownership of the wall would need to be determined before any further action was taken.

#### **22/90 Reports from Outside Bodies**

**AVALC.** The next meeting would be on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. A relaunch of AVALC would be considered at this meeting.

**Rogers Educational Trust:** It was reported that one grant application had been approved in January.

#### **22/91. Committees**

##### **Amenities:**

The Committee did not meet in January and no issues were raised. The next meeting would be on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

##### **Development:**

Members heard details of the referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. and had considered what further action needed to be taken by Council.

##### **Events:**

The date for the 2023 Christmas Fair was now confirmed as Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. An initial contact with relevant local groups had indicated that it would be possible to organise an event for the Coronation, similar to that held for the Jubilee. A meeting would be arranged in the near future to progress the plan.

#### **Finance & Resources:**

There had not been a meeting in January and no items were raised.

#### **22/92 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors**

Buckinghamshire Cllr Goss highlighted the Proud of Bucks Award and asked all to consider any unsung heroes in the community who should be nominated. The current Buckinghamshire Council focus was on the 2023-24 Budget which would go to cabinet in February. The path on the south side of the railway embankment was expected to open again in spring or early summer once resurfaced. The first Buckinghamshire Councillors surgery would be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**Community Board Matters**

The Rural Economy Uplift Task and Finish Group had been set up as a higher level strategy team to undertake a one year project to investigate how to do more business in the Community Board area. As such it did not overlap with the Winslow Action Group who were working to revitalise the town.

Community Board funding was still available and the Clerk was asked to investigate and put forward possible projects.

**22/93 Current Strategic Issues**

**East west Rail**

Track was now being laid and the station building well under way.

**Winslow Modified Neighbourhood Plan**

The Referendum would be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> and publicised in due course.

**Community Centre**

The project was running approximately two weeks late but work was progressing well and the hall was expected to be completed by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**28 High St.**

There were no matters to report.

**Winslow Centre Development /Sports Hub.**

This project was paused pending the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum but would then progress to consultation and planning as soon as possible thereafter.

**Items for Information:**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday March 2nd.

Meeting Closed 19.59 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chair) at Meeting ..... (date)