



Beaminster Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2022 in the Public Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

2770 Members present – Cllr Monks (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Mrs Goode, Cllr Langridge and Cllr Turner; and the Town Clerk.

Dorset Police - In the absence of a representative the Town Clerk read a report submitted by PCSO Bishop as follows:

On the evening 29th October, we had a couple of calls about young people being a nuisance along Hogshill Street, making noise and banging on doors.

On the evening of Friday 4th November, there was an incident of criminal damage to a window and a vehicle in the area of Broadwindsor Road. If anyone has any information about this crime, please report it to us online or on 101.

Overnight between Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November, two vehicles had catalytic converters stolen from them in Beaminster. Catalytic converter theft is a National issue, due to the rise of some precious metals they contain. The thefts can be done in seconds and offenders often use a jack and cordless power tools to remove the part.

Dorset Councillor - In the absence of Cllr Mrs Knox her written report submitted had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Enforcement Officer – No report had been received.

2771 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Biggs, Cllr Drinnan; also Dorset Councillor Mrs Knox.

2772 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest or dispensations were received.

2773 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th September 2022 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2774 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

(a) Payments & Receipts for the month of November 2022

Members were circulated with details of the payments made in November 2022 including cheque numbers 105680 - 105702, direct debits and bank payments totalling £24,081.88 including cheque numbers 100022 - 100024 from CB3 account; also receipts totalling £5,423.05 (copy attached). Members **RESOLVED** adoption as presented.

2775 RESOLVE MINUTES OF FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Community Engagement Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2022

The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 29th September 2022 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

Cllr Langridge questioned the cost associated with the closure of the A3066 for the Christmas Lights Festival, the Town Clerk advised a grant had been received from Market House & Tolls Trust to cover the expenditure.

There being no other matters raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED ADOPTION**.

(b) Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 4th October 2022

The minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 4th October 2022 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

Cllr Cheeseman expressed his concern with regard to the additional workload incurred by members of staff in connection with the annual Christmas Lights with minimal assistance from the community and questioned its viability going forward.

With regard to Minute No 407 Cllr Langridge was pleased to accept the position of Vice Chairman proposed in his absence.

There being no other matters raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED ADOPTION**.

(c) Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 1st November 2022

The minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 1st November 2022 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED ADOPTION**.

(d) Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8th November 2022

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8th November 2022 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED ADOPTION**.

(e) Town Amenities Committee meeting held on 22nd November 2022

The minutes of the Town Amenities Committee meeting held on 22nd November 2022 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED ADOPTION**.

2776 NOTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

(a) Winter Support for Beaminster meeting held on 5th October 2022

Members had previously been circulated with the notes of a winter support meeting that took place on 5th October 2022. **NOTED**.

(b) Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 11th November 2022

Members had previously been circulated with the notes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 11th November 2022, no formal recommendations were made due to the meeting being inquorate. **NOTED.**

2777 STREET NAMING

The Town Clerk advised correspondence had been received from Cavanna Homes seeking recommendations for street names in respect of their site in Broadwindsor Road. A suggestion was put forward to honour the late Janet Page which prompted discussion centred around historic Beaminster notable names. **AGREED** to canvas townspeople for suggestions prior to responding to the developer.

2778 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

No consultation documents had been received.

2779 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Prout Bridge Project – NOTED** a letter of thanks received for the Council's continued financial support of the Project.

2780 PROGRESS REPORT

Members **NOTED** progress as follows:

- **Public Hall, gents toilets** – start date awaited
- **Toilet/Store – Memorial Playing Field** – grant awarded by Lottery Awards for All in the sum of £10,000 towards the project.
- **Warm Hub** – currently set up in the Skyrm Room on Monday and Wednesday mornings.
- **Christmas Lights Festival** – road closure provisionally approved by Dorset Council, awaiting confirmation from the Secretary of State.
- **Childrens Play Area** – 'top-up' sand delivered, to be spread

2781 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Under this heading Cllr Langridge advised having viewed the meetings via the live stream the acoustics were particularly bad making it difficult to hear. In the future he would like the Council to explore an option he had researched to improve the quality of the sound. Members requested Cllr Langridge obtain the relevant information/costings for consideration.

2782 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was **NOTED** as Tuesday 24th January 2023

2783 MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 8.20pm

Chairman
24th January 2023

