

STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2023, 7PM AT THE GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD SG5 4HG

Present:

Cllrs S Buck (Mayor), S Hayes (Vice Mayor), L Anderson, J Bendall, Mrs M Cooper, S Hayes, J Headington, Mrs J Hyde, D Matthews, B Saunders, J Smith, J Talbot, N. Venneear and H Wightwick.

Also present:

Mrs K Woodfine, Central Beds Council Ward Member
E Payne, Town Clerk

177/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Dhaliwal. Cllr Bhasin was absent.

178/23 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest on any item on this agenda.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Members of the Public to speak.

179/23 PUBLIC SECTION

There were no questions from the Public.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

180/23 MEMBERS ON OTHER AUTHORITIES

Cllr Woodfine made a presentation on the recent developments from CBC and answered any questions from Members.

181/23 CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR

Mr Jos Headington had applied to be co-opted to the Town Council. It was **RESOLVED** that:

Mr Jos Headington is co-opted as a Town Councillor.

Cllr Headington signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

182/23 COUNCIL MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2023. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Adopt the amended minutes as a true record of the meeting.

183/23 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CIVIC ATTENDANCE

These were noted by members.

184/23 CLERKS REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

There were no matters to report.

185/23 COMMITTEE MINUTES

185/23.1 Recreation Grounds, Public Lands And Lighting Committee – 11 October 2023

Members of the recreation Grounds, Public Lands and Lighting Committee confirmed that the minutes of their meeting held on 13 September 2023 are a correct record. There were no recommendations from the committee. The minutes were noted by council.

185/23.2 Planning Committee – 18 October 2023

Members of the Planning Committee confirmed that the minutes of their meeting held on 18 October 2023 are a correct record. There were no recommendations from the committee. The minutes were noted by council.

185/23.3 Cemetery Committee – 18 October 2023

Members of the Cemetery Management Committee confirmed that the minutes of their meeting held on 18 October 2023 are a correct record. There were no recommendations from the committee. The minutes were noted by council.

186/23.4 Buildings Committee – 18 October 2023

Members of the Buildings Committee confirmed that the minutes of their meetings held on 18 October 2023 are a correct record. There were no recommendations from the committee. The minutes were noted by council.

186/23.5 Establishment Committee – 20 October 2023 & 25 October 2023

Members of the Establishment Committee confirmed that the minutes of their meetings held on 20 & 25 October 2023 are a correct record. There were no recommendations from the committee. The minutes were noted by council.

187/23 ACCOUNTS

187/23.1 Expenditure September & October 2024

Members received the expenditure report for September and October 2023, and it was **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the report.

187/23.2 Income Received October 2023

Members received the income report for October 2023 and it was **RESOLVED** to:

Note the report.

187/23.3 Review of Income & Expenditure Report and Earmarked Reserves

Members received the income and expenditure and earmarked reserve reports. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Note the report.

188/23. MEMBER REPORTS

188/23.1 Member and Nominated Representatives on Outside Bodies

- a) Cllr Hyde reported on the redevelopment of the Roecroft Centre.
- b) Cllr Wightwick reported on the Warm Spaces initiative.
- c) Cllr Buck reported on attending the OPCC meeting with Cllr Talbot.

189/23 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Members received a report on adopting the General Power of Competence. It was **RESOLVED** that:

Stotfold Town Council meets the criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence as outlined in the Localism Act 2011.

190/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) The Town Clerk advised the meeting that Cllr Talbot has requested to stand down as the Town Council's representative on the BATPC. It was noted that Cllr Saunders is the alternate delegate.
- b) Cllr Matthews reported that he wanted to withdraw from the Planning Committee.
- c) Cllr Bendall was added to the membership of the Recreation Committee.
- d) Cllr Headington was added to the membership of the Cemetery Committee.

Post Meeting Note: Cllr Headington has joined the Planning and Town Strategy Committees.

191/23 TOWN STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Considering new information, provided to the Town Clerk, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

192/23 MEMBERS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

There were none.

193/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting will be held on 6 December 2023.

Members noted that the date of the January 2024 meeting will now take place on 31st January to allow time for the Budget to be finalised. The February meeting will therefore be cancelled with the following Full Council being held on 6 March 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2010.

MINUTES APPROVED (date):

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: