

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2020**

PRESENT VIA REMOTE ACCESS:

Councillor M Flys (Town Mayor)  
Councillor A Seymour (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs B Dhanda  
Councillor R Jones  
Councillor Mr R Kenchington  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor C Morgan (from 7.45pm)  
Councillor N Shepherd  
Councillor Mrs L Staite  
Councillor M Vivis  
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy  
Mr S Catanach - Town Clerk Community Services & Engagement

**106. APOLOGIES:**

Councillor M Grimson  
Councillor Ms C Jones  
Councillor Mrs D Kenchington

**107. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:**

Councillor H Newton

**108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**109. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS - 20 APRIL TO 18 MAY 2020:**

The list of engagements circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

**110. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 20 APRIL 2020:**

There were no matters arising.

**111. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**a) Council Meeting held on 20 April 2020**

It was

Proposed – Councillor A Seymour

Seconded – Councillor R Kenchington

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 April 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

**112. FINANCE MATTERS:**

**a) RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SLCC MEMBERSHIP FOR TOWN CLERKS:**

After brief discussion

It was

Proposed - Councillor Mrs L Staite  
Seconded – Councillor Mrs Lamont

AGREED to renew the SLCC membership for both Clerks at £336 each for the 2020/2021 year.

**113. TO AGREE ATC COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE 2020/2021 CIVIC YEAR:**

After discussion,

It was

Proposed – Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded – Councillor R Jones

AGREED to approve the ATC Committee membership and representation on outside bodies as listed below:

**(a) COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Andrew Seymour (Chair) - Deputy Town Mayor  
Councillor Mark Grimson (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Mark Flys (*Town Mayor*)  
Councillor Debbie Kenchington  
Councillor Amanda Lamont  
Councillor Clive Morgan  
Councillor Nigel Shepherd  
Councillor Louise Staite  
Councillor Liz Walsh  
Councillor Mark Vivis

**(b) PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor C Morgan (Chair)  
Councillor A Lamont (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Howard G Newton  
Councillor Mark Flys (*ex-officio as Town Mayor*)  
Councillor Belinda Dhanda  
Councillor Caroline Jones  
Councillor Rob Jones  
Councillor Debbie Kenchington  
Councillor Richard Kenchington  
Councillor Amanda Lamont  
Councillor Andrew Seymour  
Councillor Nigel Shepherd  
Councillor Clive Morgan

(c) **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Rob Jones (Chair)  
Councillor Mark Grimson (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Andrew Seymour (*ex-officio as Deputy Town Mayor*)  
Councillor Mark Flys (*Town Mayor*)  
Councillor Belinda Dhanda  
Councillor Caroline Jones  
Councillor Richard Kenchington  
Councillor Clive Morgan  
Councillor Howard Newton  
Councillor Louise Staite  
Councillor Mark Vivis  
Councillor Liz Walsh

**Personnel Appeals Committee**

Councillor M Flys (Town Mayor), Councillor C Jones, Councillor M Vivis

**Disciplinary and Grievance Committee**

Determined as and when required.

**Policy Development Group**

Determined as and when required.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEES**

**Heritage Day Sub-Committee.** Councillors A Seymour; D Kenchington;  
A Lamont.

**Christmas Sub-Committee.** Councillors M Grimson; C Jones (*third Councillor to be appointed as required*)

**Britain in Bloom Sub-Committee.** Councillors A Seymour; A Lamont;  
D Kenchington.

**Chiltern Leisure Centre Sub-Committee:** Councillors R Jones (Chair), N Shepherd (Vice Chair); M Grimson; C Morgan

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES:**

Amersham and District Community Association  
Citizens Advice Bureau  
Local Area Forum  
GE Healthcare Liaison Committee  
Amersham Common Village Hall  
Amersham Action Group (Amersham on the Hill)  
Amersham Old Town Revitalisation Group  
Youth Centre  
The Amersham Band

Councillor M Flys  
Councillor R Jones  
Councillor Ms C Jones  
Councillor Mrs A Lamont  
Councillor Ms C Jones  
Councillor M Flys  
Councillor A Seymour  
Councillor C Morgan  
Councillor A Seymour

**114. CANCELLATION OF 2020 SUMMER ATC CIVIC EVENTS:**

Councillors discussed government advice with regard to holding public events during the continuing coronavirus restrictions. Given that notice needs to be given to participants well in advance of the events taking place

It was Proposed – Councillor M Flys  
Seconded – Councillor Mrs L Staite

RESOLVED to cancel all band concerts for July and August, as well as the Festival of Art planned for August and the Heritage Open Day scheduled for 7 September.

**115. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:**

a) Flood resistance funding:

Members considered the request from the Senior Management Officer at the Buckinghamshire Council concerning flood resilience funding for local businesses in Old Amersham. It was decided to refer the matter to the Chair of the Old Amersham Business Association for consideration.

b) Funding from Bucks Council for vehicle charging points

The request from Bucks Council for possible locations for additional vehicle charging points was discussed. It was agreed that Councillors would work with the Town Clerk Steve Catanach to compile a list of possible proposed locations.

**116. MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on a communication from the Amersham Bowls Club to ask if Council might consider a possible reduction in their lease charge for 2020, given the cessation of usage of the pavilion building during the COVID-19 crisis (the lease includes the use of the pavilion for 200 hours each year). No formal decision could be made as this was not an agenda item, but Members felt a reduction was not warranted. The Clerk will monitor the usage over the coming months and report to Members in due course.

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**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.**

**117. RIVERGATE HOMES LEASE OF FLINT BARN HOUSE:**

The Clerk updated Councillors on matters relating to the lease of Flint Barn House.

**118. DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETINGS:**

Next meeting – Monday 15 June 2020 at 7.30pm

Subsequent meeting – Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

COUNCIL