

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT VIA REMOTE ACCESS:

Councillor M Flys (Town Mayor)
Councillor A Seymour (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs F Barrett
Councillor Mrs G Croxley
Councillor M Grimson
Councillor C Jones
Councillor R Jones
Councillor R Kenchington
Councillor C Morgan
Councillor S Scott-James
Councillor N Shepherd
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy
Mr S Catanach - Town Clerk Community Services & Engagement
Ms J Andrews- Amersham resident (part meeting)

197. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs L Staite
Councillor M Vivis
198. **ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs A Lamont
199. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
There were no declarations of interest.
200. **OPEN SESSION:**
Ms Andrews informed Members that she was attending the meeting on behalf of a local residents' environmental group. It was agreed that Steve Catanach would keep Ms Andrews informed of the Council's environmental initiatives.
201. **MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS - 14 SEPTEMBER TO 19 OCTOBER 2020:**
The list of engagements circulated prior to the meeting were noted, with the addition of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attending a brief ceremony in the Memorial Gardens on Armistice Day.
202. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 19 OCTOBER 2020:**
There were no matters arising.
203. **COUNCIL MINUTES:**
- a) **Council Meeting held on 19 October 2020**

It was

Proposed – Councillor C Morgan

Seconded – Councillor Mrs F Barrett

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 October 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

204. FINANCE MATTERS:

a) TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020:

- i) Income and Expenditure Reports for period ending 30 September 2020
- ii) Balance sheets as at 30 September 2020
- iii) Accounts paid from 1 to 30 September 2020

It was

Proposed - Councillor M Flys
Seconded – Councillor C Morgan

AGREED that the finance reports for the period 1 to 30 September 2020 be accepted.

205. RATIFICATION OF AMENDED SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

As discussed at the last meeting, the Council's Social Media Policy had been amended to incorporate additional clauses relating to Councillors' use of social media platforms.

It was

Proposed – Councillor A Seymor
Seconded – Councillor C Morgan

AGREED to ratify the policy as amended by the Town Clerk

206. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:

a) Community Board update:

Youth Council: It was reported that the £500 grant from the Community Board towards setting-up costs for a new Amersham Youth Council had been agreed and the funds are awaited.

Amersham Brand: Work has been underway by Square 1 to promote the Amersham brand, in an effort to support local retail outlets in the lead up to Christmas.

Emergency Active Travel Fund: The latest update on the Bucks Council's proposals for the active travel fund were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to set up an online meeting with representatives of Bucks Council to obtain clarification on the proposals, before the deadline of submission of comments on 22nd November.

207. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

a) Platt Cemetery Wall:

It was reported that the PWLB loan has now been received, so preliminary work can begin on the exploratory digs at the cemetery prior to the remedial works been carried out.

208. DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

Next Council meeting– Monday 14 December at 7.30pm

January Council meeting – Monday 18 January at 7.30pm

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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.

209. ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY:

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Chairman Date