

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT FLINT BARN COURT, CHURCH STREET, AMERSHAM
ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

PRESENT: Councillor E Shepherd (Town Mayor)
Councillor D Pinkney (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor J Barnes
Councillor R Dineley
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor M Flys
Councillor J Keeler
Councillor H Maitland-Jones
Councillor M Roberts
Councillor S Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson (Town Clerk Finance & Policy)
Mr S Catanach (Town Clerk Community Services & Engagement)

36. APOLOGIES: Councillor V Head
Councillor P Milliner
Councillor S Scott-James

37. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor C Jones
Councillor A Lamont

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
There were no declarations of interest.

39. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS –24 JULY TO 25 SEPTEMBER 2023:
The list of engagements was noted.

40. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 July 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor H Maitland-Jones
	Seconded	Councillor M Roberts

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 July 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

b) (i) Planning and Footpaths Minutes – 17 July, 7 August & 4 September 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor R Dineley
	Seconded	Councillor H Maitland-Jones

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Footpaths Working Group Meetings held on 17 July, 7 August & 4 September 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

c) Finance & General Purposes Minutes – 21 August 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor D Pinkney
	Seconded	Councillor J Barnes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21 August 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

d) Community Services & Engagement Minutes –14 August 2023

It was	Proposed	Councillor R Dineley
	Seconded	Councillor D Pinkney

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Services & Engagement Committee meeting held on 14 August 2023 be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

41. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

42. CLIMATE ACTION WORKING GROUP :

It was noted that Cllr Milliner has decided to stand down from the working group. Other Councillors were invited to notify Cllr Barnes if they wished to take up a place on the working group, though this would not be a requirement to make the group quorate. The next meeting of the Climate Action Working Group is 9.30am on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

43. SUMMER EVENT FOR 2024 - ‘ALTOGETHER AMERSHAM’:

Cllr Dineley reported on the recent meeting of the working group set up to organise the event. A summary of the points discussed at that meeting was tabled and the action points noted. Cllr Dormer suggested that a grant application for funding from the Community Board be made before December.

44. Town Carol Service:

After brief discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor D Pinkney

Agreed that date of Wednesday 6th December 2023 for the Town Carol Service be formally approved.

45. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:

There were no matters for discussion.

46. MATTERS FOR REPORT:

a) Town Council property:

The Clerk reported on a local business interested in renting the rear garden of a Town Council property. A further update will be given at the next Finance & General Purposes Meeting.

b) Mayoral Charity Collection:

Cllr Shepherd informed Members that Tesco's in Old Amersham had offered to hold an in-store collection on Friday 6th October 2023 on behalf of the Mayoral charity.

c) Update on funding for Community Youth Ventures:

The comments in the Town Clerk's report were noted. After discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor S Woodhead

AGREED that Council would reconsider the position in 6 months' time regarding retention of the funds currently being held by ATC for the Youth Club.

d) Update on Market Hall refurbishment:

The Clerk reported that the contractor had completed much of the work to repair the damaged exterior brickwork of the hall. The remaining brickwork repairs and external redecoration would now have to be deferred until the Spring, as this cannot be undertaken during the winter months.

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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.

47. STAFF MEMBER'S REQUEST FOR FLEXIBLE WORKING:

The recommendations of the Establishment Committee, regarding the request from a member of the office staff for reduced hours and flexible working, were considered and after much discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Roberts
	Seconded	Councillor D Pinkney

AGREED that the recommendations be put to the staff member concerned for their consideration.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman Date