

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL

held on Monday 18th January 2021

PRESENT Councillor R.C. McCulloch – Town Mayor (presiding)

Councillor	A.K. Bacon	Councillor	D. MacBean
"	M.Z. Bhatti MBE	"	Mrs J.E. MacBean
"	N.L. Brown	"	M.W. Shaw
"	Q. Chaudhry	"	N.T. Southworth
"	Miss E.A. Culverhouse	"	S. P. Willmoth
"	M. Fayyaz	"	F.S. Wilson
"	P.J. Hudson	"	P.W. Yerrell

Officer: Mr W. Richards - Town Clerk

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A.W. Franks.

67. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 14th December 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

68. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs MacBean declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 – Community Speedwatch and Speeding Amelioration Measures for Chesham - as Vice Chairman of Buckinghamshire Council’s Chesham and Villages Community Board and as a Member of Buckinghamshire Council. Councillors Bacon, Brown, Miss Culverhouse, Hudson, Shaw, Southworth and Wilson all declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 as Members of Buckinghamshire Council.

69. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions that were brought to the Mayor’s notice.

It was noted that the Council’s website had not provided a link to the public to join the on-line meeting until close to the start time and this needed to be rectified for future meetings.

70. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was noted that the current restrictions on public gatherings and meetings during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic meant there had been few Mayoral Engagements since

the last meeting but it was reported that the Mayor had attended two events, observing Covid-19 protocols, since the last meeting.

71. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Bacon informed the Council he did not intend to move his submitted Motion in light of the proposed issues covered in agenda item 9.

72. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor N.T. Southworth and seconded by Councillor Q. Chaudhry and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4th January 2021 be received and approved.

73. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor D. MacBean and seconded by Councillor F.S. Wilson and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11th January 2021 be received and approved.

74. **ANNUAL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2021/22**

A discussion took place on the budget and precept for the next financial year as proposed by the Finance Committee.

While approving the proposed budget and precept which reflected a zero per cent increase on a Band D property, Councillor Bacon requested that it be noted that no budgetary provision had been made for the creation of a possible Chief Executive and Head of Finance post. Councillor MacBean requested that it had been noted that the Council had earmarked an additional £100,000 for Covid 19 Recovery and Transformation projects. It was also noted that the Reserves policy would be considered at a future Finance Committee meeting.

It was

RESOLVED

that the recommendations of the Finance Committee be agreed and the total funding requirement for 2021/22 to be levied on the Buckinghamshire Council be set at £963,145.

75. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH AND SPEEDING AMELIORATION MEASURES FOR CHESHAM**

The Council was asked to agree to be the lead organisation in applying for Buckinghamshire Council Community Board funding for anti-speeding equipment across Chesham and surrounding villages.

The Council was happy to agree this, having noted there would be no cost to the Council. The proposed measures were broadly welcomed, though Councillor Willmoth queried the likely effectiveness of the proposed hand-held speeding recording equipment based on the problems his community association had experienced with the sentinel camera.

A brief discussion then followed on the individual proposals, particularly the purchase of a second Mobile Vehicular Activated Sign (MVAS). The question of whether additional sites could be proposed and agreed at this meeting was debated but the Chairman ruled this topic should be considered at a Planning Committee meeting once the funding had been approved and equipment purchased.

It was

RESOLVED

that the Committee agrees to be the applicant for the Community Board funding bid for speeding amelioration measures.

76. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

CHAIRMAN