



THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornbury Town Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 7:30pm
at Council Chamber, Town Hall

Members present: Cllrs Chris Davies (Chair)
Benj Emmerson
James Murray
Maggie Tyrrell
Clive Parkinson
Angela Symonds
Helen Ball
Shirley Holloway
Bob Griffin
Guy Rawlinson

In attendance: Kath MacConnachie - Town Clerk
4 members of the public
1 member of Council Administration Staff (Minutes)

Absent: Cllrs Matt Stringer
Helen Harrison
Jayne Stansfield
Pam Shipp
Fiona Deas
Paul Le Riche

FC2223.72. To note any apologies for absence

Apologies had been sent by Cllrs Helen Harrison, Matt Stringer and Jayne Stansfield.

FC2223.73. To consider a request from the Armstrong Hall Trust to rent storage space for document archives at the Town Hall

It was **RESOLVED** to charge the Armstrong Hall Trust a peppercorn rent of £1 to have storage space for document archives.

FC2223.74. To consider a proposal to request that the Armstrong Hall Trust acts to quickly reform itself as a CIO. This is proposed in order to clarify that the two organisations are separate entities and thus remove the current lack of understanding in some quarters about the difference between the Town Council as a local authority and the Town Council as sole Trustee (Cllr Stansfield)

This was considered to be an issue for the Armstrong Hall Trust to look into and should not be the responsibility of the Town Council.

FC2223.75. To receive declarations of interest from members

None were declared.

FC2223.76. To approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 30 August 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

FC2223.77. To receive any representations from the public

Visiting members of the public were in attendance to listen only and did not wish to speak.

FC2223.78. To receive and agree responses to the following correspondence:

- Email dated 26.08.22 from a resident concerning the Thornbury Museum plan

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Clerk, the task of writing a response letter, with content agreed at the meeting.

- Letter from Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes dated 06.09.22 inviting Thornbury Town Council to nominate an observer to attend board meetings of the Park Farm (Thornbury) Community Interest Company

It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Rawlinson to be an observer at board meetings.

- Email dated 13.09.22 from Hanson inviting a Town Council representative to join the Hanson UK Tytherington Quarry Liaison Group

It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Emmerson to be the Town Council representative.

FC2223.79. To receive any information from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Parkinson reported that the bid for a fusion reactor to be developed on the Berkeley and Oldbury nuclear power station sites had been rejected in favour of another location.

FC2223.80. To approve the accounts for payment

There were none, having been recently approved at the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting.

FC2223.81. To receive the Clerk's report, including items for information

The report was received.

FC2223.82. Items for action as detailed in the Clerk's report:

- To approve an overspend to the Open Spaces Portable Toilet budget (130/4435)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve option A, an overspend of circa £300.

- To consider a draft policy for the Mundy Playing Fields Usage for potential recommendation to the Mundy Playing Fields Trust

It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to draft a Policy to bring back to Council before seeking legal advice on it.

- To resolve to invest Town Council reserves with the CCLA Investment Fund

It was **RESOLVED** to invest the reserves.

FC2223.83. Events and Innovations Working Group

- To approve the Terms of Reference

It was **RESOLVED** to add a line about reporting and approve with that amendment.

- To elect members to the Group

It was **RESOLVED** to elect councillors Davies, Ball and Tyrrell to the group.

- To consider budget allocation and delegation to the Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate spending to the Clerk, as outlined in the paper, and that the Clerk should try to find available money to use until the budget for 2023/2024 is set.

FC2223.84. To pass a resolution to exclude members of the public and press for agenda items 14 and 15 due to the COMMERCIALY CONFIDENTIAL and SENSITIVE nature of the business to be transacted

It was **RESOLVED** to pass the exclusion

FC2223.85. To receive a recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee regarding proposals relating to Thornbury Lawn Tennis Club

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Open Spaces Committee's proposals.

FC2223.86. To receive a recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee regarding cemetery expenditure

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations from the Open Spaces Committee and Officer proposals.

FC2223.87. To consider scope for changes to licensing/leasing arrangements on the Mundy Playing Fields, as per Officer Briefing

The Officer Briefing was considered and next steps discussed.

FC2223.88. Date of next meeting: 7:30pm on 13 December 2022