

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of Council held in the Ceremony Room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillor Matthew Boles (In the Chair)

Councillor Barry Coward
Councillor Richard Craig
Councillor Caroline Davies
Councillor Tim Davies
Councillor Mark Dimmock
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Cynthia Isherwood
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Keith Panter
Councillor Ashley Perraton-Williams
Councillor Clio Perraton-Williams
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Kenneth Woolley

In Attendance: Clerk to the Council
Deputy Clerk to the Council
Operations Manager

Also in Attendance: Three members of the public
WLDC Councillor David Cotton

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Saly Loates
Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor Liz Clews advised she would arrive late.

RESOLVED to receive the apologies for absence and accept the reasons given.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations were made.

3. COUNCIL MINUTES

i. Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 (Paper A)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to it being noted that Councillor Key advised he would be unable to attend the Annual Town Meeting.

Councillor Coward proposed under Standing Order 14d item 9 be taken next as Councillor David Cotton has attended for the item and has another meeting to attend.

RESOLVED under Standing Order 14d to take agenda item 9 next.

9. MAYFLOWER 400 PROJECT (Paper I)

The Clerk presented the paper which requested £3,000 funding to support the international launch event on Thursday 16 July for the Mayflower 400 project at Gainsborough Old Hall.

RESOLVED to give a grant of £2,000 for the launch event and another £1,000 on the condition that a public event be held on Saturday 18 July.

Note: Councillor Dobbie abstained from voting on the above resolution.

4. GENERAL CEMETERY ISSUES

The Mayor under standing order 1f adjourned the meeting in order for a member of the public to address the meeting for 3 minutes in relation to issues at the General Cemetery.

Mr Footitt addresses the meeting stating that the cemetery gates should be locked everyday, and the Town Council do not understand the grief it causes the families. He advised that he will be getting a petition together as there are a lot of unhappy people in the town.

Note: Councillor Clews arrived at the meeting at 7:21pm.

The Mayor reopened the meeting.

RESOLVED to put gate locking on the next Community Services agenda for discussion.

Note: Councillor Key abstained from voting on the above resolution.

Note: Councillor Coward did stress that any members of the public with issues or problems regarding the gate locking arrangements to please contact the office for it to be logged as the Council need data in order to make decisions.

5. EAST WARD VACANCY CO-OPTION

Members received one application for co-option and one expression of interest.

RESOLVED to co-opt Michael Hopper to the Council to fill the East Ward vacancy.

6. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL (Paper B)

RESOLVED to note Paper B.

7. TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Paper C)

Note: Councillor Dobbie left the room at 7:40pm. whilst an item was being discussed on paper C5.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Committees be received.

Note: Councillor Craig abstained from voting on the above resolution.

Note: Councillor Key voted against the above resolution.

Note: Councillor Dobbie returned to the meeting at 7:44pm.

8. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MOTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. Recommendation received from Management and Finance Committee

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to approve the year end accounts for 31 March 2015

PAPER D – Balance Sheet

PAPER E – Trial Balance

PAPER F – Income & Expenditure Account

PAPER G – Income and Expenditure Figures by Budget Heading

PAPER H – Section 1 of the Annual Return 2014/15

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation from Management and Finance Committee to approve papers D, E, F, G and H for year end accounts 31 March 2015.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AT MEETINGS

Members discussed the possibility of including a Public Question Time on all Council agendas.

RESOLVED to include a Public Question Time on all Full Council agendas to be managed by standing orders 1 g-j.

Note: Councillor Dobbie abstained from voting on the above resolution.

Note: Councillor Key voted against the above resolution.

11. REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (Paper J)

The Clerk presented his report.

The meeting concluded at 7:56pm.

Chairman