

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council
Held on Monday 04 February 2019 at 7.30 pm
at The Olney Centre

Present: Jeremy Rawlings, Deirdre Bethune, John Boardman, Stephen Clark, Paul Collins, Tony Evans, Peter Geary, Graham Harrison, Malcolm Messenger, Dr Sally Pezaro, Colin Rodden, Chris Tennant, Kevin Viney

In attendance: Liam Costello (Town Clerk), and 11 members of the public.

Public Forum:

- Stuart Dorrill referred to the 150 emails or so sent to councillors to show the community support for Body Force. They want to continue to provide health and fitness and move forward positively, working with Cobbs Garden Surgery, Ousedale and Middle Schools and Rainbow mental health programme.
- Danny Whittington, 7 years ago he was not in a good place mentally or physically, he started with Body Force and within 3 months had a dramatic positive effect. His partner and teenage sons also take part. His 13-year-old son Tom wanted to say a few words; Body Force makes him more prepared for rugby.
- Steve Price, the extra activities at Body Force are equally as important. His son passed away at 18 years old. Through Body Force last November, they raised £11,000 for CRY and screened 210 young adults for heart disease, with 1 being referred to hospital immediately, so hopefully no other family should go through the same as they had to.
- Peter Gage, has supported the youth football since 1990 and would like to see the legacy retained, the history of the club cannot be airbrushed out of Olney after three generations of the football club.
- Mike Totton, update on behalf of the Allotment Association on the cabin at the allotments. Cost for electrics is likely to be £13,000. Would like to proceed with the base and cabin purchase. This will go to the next R&S's meeting.
- Ian Stokes, spoke as chairman of Olney Town Colts FC, a lifetime member and is passionate about football at all levels. Wants to work with Body Force. Important to keep the legacy going and open up to wider debate.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Desmond Eley, Joanne Eley.

2. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

- Steve Clark declared a pecuniary interest on item 14, his company completed works for the council
- Jeremy Rawlings declared a personal interest on item 14, his company is associated with the company that completed works for the council
- Tony Evans declared a personal interest in item 8b as member of Pancake committee
- Deirdre Bethune declared a personal interest in item 8b as member of the BOFF committee
- Chris Tennant declared a personal interest in item 17 as a parent and coach of Olney Town Colts FC and a member of Body Force.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 03 December 2018

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 07 January 2019

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019

The minutes not yet ready

RESOLVED: To defer approval of the minutes.

6. Closure of Barclays branch and meeting on 1st March

Following the announcement that Barclays would not reopen, council discussed the best way of approaching the meeting.

RESOLVED: Kevin Viney and Deirdre Bethune were selected to represent the council to attend the meeting with Barclays. Peter Geary would also be attending as ard councillor.

7. Consultation on the proposal to close Emberton School

MKC are carrying out a statutory consultation on the proposed closure of Emberton School. Currently, the school has no pupils and there are falling numbers in the area. A public consultation meeting is taking place on 07 February.

RESOLVED: Jeremy Rawlings to attend the meeting and report back to council next month.

8. Events

a. Motorama requested to use the Market Place 9 June 2019

RESOLVED:

To allow Motorama on the Market Place 9 June 2019

b. To consider charging for events such as Pancake Race and BOFF

RESOLVED:

To consult with the relevant groups before a decision is taken.

9. 2019-20 budget, schedule of fees and precept

The finance committee submitted a draft budget, schedule of fees and proposed precept for consideration and the chairman of the committee explained the proposals.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the budget for 2019/20
- To approve the revised fees as set out in the Schedule of Fees
- To set the precept for 2019/20 at £229,000, a 19.6% increase on the Band D Council charge.

10. To receive minutes, or reports from chairman, of committees that have met since the last council meeting:

a. **Planning – 14 January**

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

b. Dickens – 21 January

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

c. Olney Centre Management – 21 January

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

d. HR – 24 January

RESOLVED: To receive a report during item 18

e. Finance – 28 January

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

11. List of outstanding actions

The Town Clerk submitted a report on outstanding actions and elaborated thereon.

- Market Electrics – Eon stated they are trying to source tiles from Portugal and would be carry out works this week.
- High Street trees – update requested from MKC
- WW1 benches – Deirdre Bethune has consulted with the sponsors of the existing benches and they are happy for them to be replaced by the new benches.
- Johnsons Field – question asked as to what is happening to the zip wire and swing
- Tennis Track – Is there any progress on getting money back from Anglian Water
- East Street improvements – Peter Geary was asked if there is any progress
- Council were advised that Phoenix were being asked to quote for repairs or resurfacing at the Market Place, the MUGA and the paths between the MUGA and the bowls club and the play area and the bowls club.

12. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

RESOLVED: To approve the list of Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

13. To receive reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

- Steve Clark reported that he attended the MKE Stakeholders Group on the proposed S.U.E. Traffic modelling was discussed. MKC are pushing for a new bridge over the M1 subject to a bid for HIF money. The result of the bid will be known around June. The next meeting is 27 February; neither Desmond Eley or Steve Clark are able to attend. Jeremy Rawlings agreed to attend.
- Graham Harrison – attended the meeting about the 250th anniversary of Amazing Grace in January 2023
- Graham Harrison and Chris Tennant attended the transport workshop meeting. The meeting discussed a report with 103 options on transport, the E-W railway was at the top of the list, and Olney bypass was included.
- Deirdre Bethune mentioned that BOFF were considering 7-8 or 14-15 September but would confirm and official request by next meeting.
- Peter Geary reported that MKC transport public scrutiny were looking at which bus routes might be subsidised.

14. To approve the schedule of payments for January 2019

| Date | Name | Memo/Description | Amount |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Unity Trust - Current A/C | | | |
| 02/01/2019 | MKC Rates | NNDR - Market Place toilets | 102.00 |
| 02/01/2019 | MKC Rates | NNDR - Library | 258.00 |
| 02/01/2019 | MKC Rates | NNDR - Olney Centre | 1,882.00 |
| 02/01/2019 | Katara Ltd | Quickbooks subscription | 30.00 |
| 02/01/2019 | CF Corporate Financial Limited | Printer lease | 101.56 |
| 02/01/2019 | MKC Rates | NNDR - Cemetery | 36.00 |
| 03/01/2019 | SLCC | Health, safety and well-being training | 150.00 |
| 03/01/2019 | Advanced Turf Machinery | Fit starter motor and parts | 408.70 |
| 03/01/2019 | Beazleys | Gas annual testing | 240.00 |
| 03/01/2019 | Blachere Illuminations | LED Christmas lights spares | 217.80 |
| 04/01/2019 | PHS01 | Sanitary services | 543.46 |
| 10/01/2019 | Redwood Global Ltd | woodchipper | 11,940.00 |
| 10/01/2019 | Dave Boddy Electrical | light repairs | 144.00 |
| 10/01/2019 | Hilary Brock Private Hire | Age UK lunch transport | 90.00 |
| 10/01/2019 | Neill Elliott | Dickens PA | 207.90 |
| 10/01/2019 | Napier Parking Ltd | Car parking management | 116.00 |
| 10/01/2019 | Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd | dog bin emptying | 996.00 |
| 10/01/2019 | Dave Boddy Electrical | cherry picker to install lights | 527.04 |
| 10/01/2019 | PowerPlug | Pat testing | 197.94 |
| 10/01/2019 | Wards of Olney | Caretaking and cleaning | 2,064.00 |
| 10/01/2019 | George Browns Ltd | Parts | 18.62 |

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| 10/01/2019 | Phonebox | TOC ad | 180.00 |
| 10/01/2019 | SA Welding Ltd | groomer | 960.00 |
| 11/01/2019 | Ethos (formerly Walters) | Office printer | 128.96 |
| 14/01/2019 | Tudor Environmental | safety equipment | 60.52 |
| 14/01/2019 | Video Drone Services | Google street view images | 144.50 |
| 14/01/2019 | Buildbase Civils & Lintels | Post Mix | 81.60 |
| 14/01/2019 | ESPO | cleaning products | 41.62 |
| 18/01/2019 | ESPO Energy | Gas - Olney Centre | 528.28 |
| 22/01/2019 | Anglian Water - Rec Gnd | Water charges - Recreation Ground | 4.00 |
| 22/01/2019 | Anglian Water - Toilets | Water charges - Market toilets | 54.50 |
| 22/01/2019 | Anglian Water - Cemetery | Water charges - Cemetery | 32.00 |
| 22/01/2019 | Anglian Water - Olney Centre | Water charges - Olney Centre | 91.00 |
| 22/01/2019 | JRB Enterprise Ltd (Mutts Buts) | dog bags | 298.80 |
| 22/01/2019 | Anglian Water - Allotments | Water charges - Allotments | 161.00 |
| 23/01/2019 | Dave Boddy Electrical | lighting | 886.55 |
| 23/01/2019 | MKC | HR Support | 1,260.00 |
| 23/01/2019 | Signs of the Times Ltd | Town entrance sign | 856.02 |
| 23/01/2019 | SCH Supplies Ltd | parts | 78.24 |
| 23/01/2019 | Blachere Illuminations | LED light repairs | 372.00 |
| 23/01/2019 | Coverguard Services | alarm response | 780.00 |
| 23/01/2019 | Tudor Environmental | moss clear | 28.78 |
| 23/01/2019 | Carlton House Club | VIP lunches | 98.65 |
| 23/01/2019 | PinacI Solutions | Wireless Support | 368.50 |
| 25/01/2019 | Total Gas & Power | electricity | 192.95 |
| 25/01/2019 | Total Gas & Power | electricity | 24.85 |
| 25/01/2019 | Total Gas & Power | electricity | 525.08 |
| 25/01/2019 | Total Gas & Power | electricity | 84.69 |
| 29/01/2019 | Paul Megeary | repair market toilet door | 113.00 |
| 30/01/2019 | Cawleys | Waste collection | 372.37 |
| 31/01/2019 | Adept Telecom | Telephone and broadband | 57.34 |
| 31/01/2019 | Bucks LGPS | LGPS Mth 10 | 2,190.14 |
| 31/01/2019 | Prudential AVC | AVC contribution | 500.00 |
| 31/01/2019 | Salaries | Salary mth 10 | 6,734.05 |
| Total for Unity Trust - Current A/C | | | £38,561.01 |
| Unity Trust - Corporate Card | | | |
| 02/01/2019 | One Stop Shop | Office supplies | 0.50 |
| 05/01/2019 | Fasthosts Internet Ltd | Council email accounts | 5.75 |
| 10/01/2019 | Screwfix | marking paint for MUGA | 29.94 |
| 23/01/2019 | Land Registry | Land registry search | 3.00 |
| Total for Unity Trust - Corporate Card | | | £ 39.19 |
| TOTAL | | | £ 38,600.20 |

Questions were asked about the payment to S A Welding, which was for adjustments to the turf groomer machinery, which is part financed by the rugby club and Colts, and the payment to Pinacl which related to the public access wifi system at the Olney Centre.

RESOLVED: To note the schedule of payments

15. Members Matters

- Colin Rodden reported that the roundel (30mph painted on the road) on Aspreys has been removed so now the police can enforce the speed limit.
- Kevin Viney asked about the zebra crossing and was informed that it is scheduled for new illuminated posts and brightening of the street lamps, Peter Geary has requested it is for this year but not confirmed
- Tony Evans asked if there was any evidence that it will be Sainsbury's at the retail site, he was informed that the planning permission for the signage was for Sainsburys.

16. To consider exclusion of Public and Press Representatives pursuant to the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 on the basis that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public on the grounds of the confidential business to be transacted.

17. Football Club Building – Report on discussions with prospective tenants.

The council received a progress report from the working group

RESOLVED:

- To arrange a meeting with Colts and Bodyforce to progress matters.
- To ask Boddys to carry out an electrical test of the Football clubhouse

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk left the meeting at this point

18. Staff Matters

The Mayor gave a report to the council on staff matters.

