



Olney Town Council
The Olney Centre, High Street, Olney, Bucks MK46 4EF

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council
Held at The Olney Centre
on Monday 7th October 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jeremy Rawlings, Paul Collins, Desmond Eley, Joanne Eley, Peter Geary, Graham Harrison, Malcolm Messenger, Kevin Viney, Dr Sally Pezaro.

In attendance: Andrea Vincent Town Clerk

Public Forum:

There were four speakers from the public.

Lucy Colman, a teacher from Olney Middle school spoke re Item 4 (further down the agenda).

She explained the need for the scheme to assist teachers in delivering the PHSE course so all children could access the specialist materials.

Lyndsey Heath, spoke about the weekly Thursday Market, stated it gets no publicity and that she felt OTC should support this high-quality market.

Kevin Portland, remarked that he had noticed from the Phonebox that the Council had adopted a climate change emergency. Traffic he said was on the increase – why not go for a by-pass for Olney. He stated no action had been taken by MKC on air quality reports nor on HGV's. He proposed the Council pursue with vigour for a by-pass.

Linda Batty, spoke about the Youth Centre in Olney. She said that she had attended a meeting las year to ask why her badminton club is still awaiting a bill. She went on to explain her view that the Centre needs to be managed, taking monies from centre users as it is a valuable resource for both older people and youngsters.

1. Apologies for absence, Deirdre Bethune, Stephen Clark, Colin Rodden and Chris Tennant, (Work and Holidays matters accepted)

2. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

No declarations were made



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RESOLVED: Should a member be aware of an interest in the body of the meeting they would ensure it was made known.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2019

RESOLVED: Minutes agreed

4. To consider a grant application for a school program

Cllr Rawlings declared an interest as he is governor on the Trust of which the applicant school is a part.

Having heard the teacher's presentation earlier Cllr Geary proposed the grant be given. Cllr Rawlings seconded.

Cllr J Eley asked that the Council be given feedback on the programme.

There was discussion about the funding cuts and it was explained by the teacher that it was not limited to education but also support services such as children's MH.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to invite the teacher applicant to report to Council in the New Year and to give the grant.

5. Emergency Plan

A draft plan was presented to the meeting. There was discussion about the need for further alternative refuge centres

Cllr J Eley proposed and Cllr Harrison seconded

RESOLVED: Unanimously to adopt the plan with amendments to have full staff briefing and to ensure version control.

6. Climate Emergency Plan

Given the close link between the Recs and Services work plan and the Climate Emergency group Cllr Geary proposed the groups get in touch.



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RESOLVED: Town Clerk to speak with the Bucks CC conservation officer and link her into the Climate Emergency Working Group.

7. Risk Register

The Town Clerk presented a mock-up of a proposed risk register and explained that this needed to be completed and presented at a future full meeting as part of our end of year return

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk is to draw up a risk register and present to a full Council meeting

8. Bowling Club Letter

There was some discussion about the area of land requested.

Cllr D Eley proposed and Cllr Messenger seconded

RESOLVED: Unanimously for the Town Clerk to contact with regards to a 10-year lease on a peppercorn rent with guaranteed access to services and for repairs. All associated costs such as drawing up of the lease to be borne by the Bowling Club.

9. To receive a letter from Nigel Bridle.

RESOLVED: Comments noted

10. To discuss CCTV for the Colts.

There was some discussion around the need and how a system would be managed

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk be asked to convene a meeting of those involved including the local PSO to discuss and take advise from security specialists.



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11. List of Outstanding Actions

Market Place Electrics

Cllr D Eley explained that he will resume work on this when the new clerks are settled in.

Cllr Geary commented that MKC did what was necessary and request as regards the trees in the High Street.

Cllr Boardman stressed that the defibrillator at the Olney Centre needed to be sorted out as a matter of urgency. Cllr Messenger had asked about one on Johnsons Field, maybe on a lamp post or the bus stop.

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to check with MKC where on Johnsons Field a Defibrillator could be placed.

Market place surface

It was reported that in Recs and Services it had been agreed to fill in holes until a full plan is in place for resurfacing/regeneration.

12. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burials and Memorials

RESOLVED: To agree all those on the list

13. To receive reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Cllr Pezaro will attend the pre-school AGM

Cllr Collins reminded the meeting of the 250th Amazing Grace meeting on Wednesday 7 -9 pm at the Carlton House Club

14. To approve the schedule of payments

Query raised by Cllr J Eley as to why a payment was in this month and not the previous month, this was because of a back log.

RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments



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15. Members Matters

Cllr D Eley updated the meeting on the former Football Club and explained that he has now a time line form solicitors and will shortly have a lease for the meetings perusal. He also asked the meeting to note the company involved is now called Caveman Conditioning Ltd.

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 Public and Press pursuant to the above.

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