

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Banbury Town Council held on Tuesday, 17 September 2019 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Colegrave (Town Mayor)
Councillors: Banfield, Beere, Bell, Beverly, Bignell, Cherry, Dhesi, Donaldson, Fatemian, Harrison, Hussain, Kilsby, Mallon, Milne Home, Richards, Ross, Woodcock and Wren.

Officers: Mark Recchia (Town Clerk)
Mark Hassall (Deputy Town Clerk & RFO)

Prior to the start of the meeting the Town Mayor asked for a minute's silence to be observed to remember Bob Douglas (Sergeant at Arms) and Duncan Ainsworth (Town Mayor 1992/93) who had both recently passed away.

C.21/19 Apologies for Absence
Councillors Clarke.

C.22/19 Declarations of Interest
None.

C.23/19 Minutes of the Last Meeting
It was proposed by the Town Mayor, and **WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C.24/19 Communications
The Town Mayor's communications had been circulated to those present.

The Town Mayor was also presented with a certificate re-accrediting Banbury as a Fair Trade town. Fair Trade Action Banbury representatives attended the meeting to present this award.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Communications be noted.

C.25/19 Questions - Elected Members and Members of the Public
There were no questions from Elected Members or from Members of the public.

C.26/19 Annual Return 2018/19
The Annual Return 2018/19 was yet to be received from the External Auditors at the time the meeting took place, as such the item was deferred.

C.27/19 Planning Committee
It was proposed by Councillor Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 26 June, 24 July and 21 August 2019 be received.

C.28/19 General Services Committee
It was proposed by Councillor Harrison, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the General Services Committee meeting held on 3 September be received.

C.29/19 Resources Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 10 September be received.

It was further **RESOLVED** that the recommendations in Minutes R.17/19, R.18/19, R.19/19 and R.20/19 be approved.

C.30/19 Resolutions Moved on Notice –Resolution No 49

It was proposed by Councillor Ross seconded by Councillor Kilsby that:

“This Council is disappointed with the negative impact of Bretch Hill with a skewed and dated vision of the estate showing the Hill youth centre to be dilapidated prior to its reconstruction, and dated or damaged signage across the estate. The council calls on Cherwell District Council, following August’s Bretch Hill Blitz, to increase its efforts to improve the estate including a new sign for Bradley Arcade and re-opening the council shop as a community resource.”

There then ensued a lengthy discussion on the motion, with all speakers generally in favour of the proposal. Councillor Mallon then moved an amendment to the motion to read:

“This council is disappointed with the recent television programme which showed a negative image of Bretch Hill, showing the Hill youth centre to be dilapidated prior to its reconstruction. We recognise that Cherwell District Council have carried out a full rebuild of The Hill. This council calls upon Cherwell District Council, following the August Bretch Hill Blitz, to increase its efforts to revitalize the estate and its environment.”

Prior to voting on the amendment Councillor Richards asked if the proposer of the amendment was willing to accept an addition to the wording. This was accepted by Councillor Mallon. It was then moved by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Kilsby that the motion be amended as follows:

“This council is disappointed with the recent television programme which showed a negative image of Bretch Hill, showing the Hill youth centre to be dilapidated prior to its reconstruction. We recognise that Cherwell District Council have carried out a full rebuild of The Hill and that the Leader of the Council had issued a formal apology from for the delay. This council calls upon Cherwell District Council, following the August Bretch Hill Blitz, to increase its efforts to revitalize the estate and its environment.”

It was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that the motion, as amended, be adopted.

The Meeting ended at 7.00pm.