



Midsomer Norton Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Martyn Plant **Locum Town Clerk:** Lee Jakeman

Minutes from the Full Council Meeting

Date and Time: Monday 6th January 2025

Place: The Council Chambers, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton

Present: Councillors: M Plant (Mayor and Chair); C Scott (Vice Chair and Deputy Mayor); S Hughes; C Lucas; G Mackay; M Taylor.

Absent: No Councillors were absent

Officers: Lee Jakeman (Locum Town Clerk), Kate Egan (Deputy Town Clerk),

Also Present: One member of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7pm.

1 Apologies for Absence

- Cllrs. W Gregory, Lynda Robertson, T Wells and S Wight.

2 Public Session

No-one wished to speak on matters on the agenda, so the Council moved to the next agenda item.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 were a correct record of the meeting.

The Chair subsequently signed the minutes.

5 Referral of Minutes

RESOLVED to note the minutes:

Finance and Operations Committee – 16th December 2024

Planning Committee – 16th December 2024

Staffing Committee 9th December 2024

6 Mayors Announcements

The mayor gave a verbal update which covered the points below:

- MHA Christmas Concert attended on 7th December 2024
- Rotary Christmas Concert attended on 10th December 2024
- Good afternoon, Choir concert attended on 12th December 2024

Mention was also made on the progress being made on the Island Development.

7 To consider the appointment of a Councillor to the Staffing Committee

Cllr Hughes proposed Cllr Taylor be appointed to the Staffing Committee, seconded by Cllr Taylor.

Cllr MacKay proposed an amendment that the decision be deferred to the next meeting. There being no seconder for the motion the matter was not considered.

Cllr Plant proposed Cllr Scott be appointed to the Staffing Committee, this was seconded by Cllr MacKay.

Cllr Plant proposed an amendment to allow both members to be appointed to the Staffing Committee and change the terms of reference to allow six members to join. This was seconded by Cllr MacKay

RESOLVED to appoint both Cllr Scott and Cllr Taylor to the Staffing Committee and amend the Terms of Reference to increase membership of the staffing committee to 6 members (from 5).

8 To consider the Councils intention to opt to tax and to reflect the discussions with PSTAX to date.

RESOLVED to opt to tax the Town Hall with effect from 7th January 2025 and notify that decision to HMRC.

9 Town Hall Update

This was deferred to the confidential session due to contractual issues.

10 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED to note the date of the next meeting of Full Council on Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7.00pm in the Council Chambers, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton.

11 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

12 To consider the quotes for support for HR and appoint a company for 2025-2025

RESOLVED to appoint Peninsula to provide the Town Council with HR support starting in April 2025 at a cost of £2,160 a year for three years.

9 Town Hall Update

Sean Redmond from PH3 was introduced to the Councillors and updated the Councillors.

13 Update on the Town Clerk Recruitment

RESOLVED to note the reports/recommendations from the Clerk Recruitment Working Party. Individual members provided comments regarding the upcoming process.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm