

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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Minutes of the Full Council Committee meeting held at the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 7pm on Monday 27th February 2023 for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Wood (Chairman), Cllr O’Keeffe (Deputy Chairman), Cllr Bracken, Cllr Chhokar, Cllr Davey, Cllr Greenfield, Cllr Holborn, Cllr Peck, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Stuart-Lee.

In attendance: Cllr Santokh Chhokar, Associate. Cllr Brown, Assoc. Cllr Lindvall, Assoc. Cllr Woolveridge, J Jilani (Town Clerk), P Patel (Deputy Town Clerk).

23/157 Accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barnett and Cllr Da Costa.

23/158 Declarations of Interest

None.

23/159 Public speaking

A local resident, attended and talked about raising awareness by putting up air pollution signs in and around the Gerrards Cross area, to discourage idling particularly near the station and around schools.

ACTION: Town Clerk to arrange an article for the next edition of The Voice

23/160 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Santokh Chhokar: Reported that the Buckinghamshire Council budget has been approved. The local plan is in progress. Cllr Chhokar thanked GXTC for the work done with the Community Board. Cllr Chhokar reported that Bucks Council will be focusing on the key areas that were highlighted as issues in a recent poll.

Cllr Bracken: Reported that reason for the additional funding for roads is due to recent bad weather which has resulted in higher than normal potholes and road repairs.

Cllr Wood: Reported new contract for road works have been given to Balfour BT.

This is an eight year contract with no break clause. The local area technicians will be inspecting the works and they will be going through proper training.

23/161 To discuss Coopers Markets proposal and agree the way forward

The team from Coopers market came and presented their proposal for holding a Sunday market in Gerrards Cross. It will consist of 30 stalls for food, drinks, crafts and local products. After discussions Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** and Cllr O’Keeffe **SECONDED** the proposal to welcome the Coopers markets to GX. All **AGREED**.

23/162 To approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- EGM meeting dated 16th January 2023
- **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wood and **SECONDED** by Cllr Davey **ALL AGREED**

- Full Council meeting dated 30th January 2023
PROPOSED by Cllr Wood and **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield **ALL AGREED**

23/163 To note the minutes of the following meeting:

- Planning 6th February 2023
- Highways 6th February 2023
Noted.

23/164 To review and approve the Tender received for Street Lighting for 2023-2026

The lighting contract was circulated to the members. The clerk advised we had 77 views on contract finder and received only one tender. Cllr O’Keeffe **PROPOSED** accepting of the tender received and for accepting option for replacement of 40 LED heads per annum, **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield. **ALL AGREED.**

Cllr Bracken noted that the cost is higher than the budget allocated and therefore we may need to reduce costs in other areas. More detailed discussion to be held in next Highways meeting regarding the number of heads to be installed immediately.

23/165 Report back on Gerrards Cross lampposts and resolve any issues

Cllr O’ Keeffe confirmed that the inspection is almost complete and of the 27 reported issues, the majority are minor issues. A full detailed report will be presented to the Highways Committee with a proposal, costs to resolve the issues, and highlighting which require immediate attention.

23/166 Communities Committee update

To give the Chairman of Communities delegated power to spend £6000 for the deposits and make bookings for the Picnic in the Park.

This Council resolves to vary the limit set out in Financial Regulations 11.3.2 that for the purposes of Picnic in the Park and Xmas events 2023, the limit for approval by three Councillors as set out is varied to be greater than £500 and up to £5,000. Delegated power to spend up to £5000. **All AGREED.**

Update on Civic Service

Cllr Wood reported that we have 247 confirmed attendees for the 5th March Civic Service. An order of service has been requisitioned and will be available on the day.

23/167 F&GP update and action items for decision by the Council

a.To review and accept the proposed changes to the EMR reserves

Cllr Bracken **PROPOSED** a revision of the EMR and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Chhokar **ALL AGREED**

b.To accept and resolve the Revision to the Financial Regulation

Cllr Bracken **PROPOSED** adoption of revised Financial Regulations and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Davey **ALL AGREED**

c.To propose and resolve an independent member for Bank Reconciliation work

Cllr Bracken **PROPOSED** Cllr Peck, Cllr Davey and Cllr Greenfield for reviewing bank reconciliation and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Chhokar

d.The Council to ensure that appropriate power under which grants are made and approved

It was resolved under local govt act sect 137 the Council had the power to approve grants. Cllr Bracken **PROPOSED** and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield. **All AGREED.**

e.List of regular and one-off payments for approval

Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** was **SECONDED** by Cllr Bracken. **ALL AGREED**

f.To discuss and review quotes for Mill Lane and Marsham Lane works

Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** to accept the quote and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Peck.

For : 9; Against : 1; Abstain : 0

23/168 Accept Cllr Woods resignation from staffing committee and propose to add other Councillors.

Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** to add Cllr O’Keeffe and Cllr Chhokar to the Staffing Committee and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Stuart-Lee. **All AGREED.**

23/169 To agree the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

ire Evidence Base - Settlement Review

All **AGREED** subject to the amendments suggested by Cllr Holborn.

23/170 Councillors’ attendance at external meetings

Cllr O’Keeffe – attended meetings with Spark X and Tesco

Cllr Bracken – attended meeting with Bulstrode Camp Ltd.

Cllr Holborn - attended GXCA Executive committee meeting.

Cllr Greenfield – attended meetings with Spark X, playground equipment supplier, camp tree experts

Cllr Wood - attended meetings Tesco, Stoke Park Golf Club, Gail’s Patisserie, Total Pyro and St James Church.

23/171 Correspondence received at the Council office.

Various correspondence was presented.

An email was received by a resident regarding state of noticeboards. Discussion to review this to be held at Highways committee meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned 20:58

The next Council Meeting of GXTC will be held on Monday 27th March 2023 at 7pm.

Signed.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....

JHJ.PP.GXTC 27.02.23