

Gerrards Cross Town Council



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Clerk to the Council – **Ms Jiya H Jilani** clerk@gerrardscross.gov.uk

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

Present: Cllr Wood (Chairman), Cllr O’Keeffe (Deputy Chairman), Cllr Barnett, Cllr Davey, Cllr Greenfield, Cllr Holborn, Cllr Peck.

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

23/172 Accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bracken, Cllr Chhokar, Cllr Da Costa, Cllr Roberts and Cllr Stuart-Lee

23/173 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Greenfield declared an interest for item 10 on the agenda (To review and approve quotes for installation of lamppost labels)

23/174 Public speaking

None

23/175 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Regarding the Boundary Commission update, Bucks Council has ratified what has been proposed for Gerrards Cross. Balfour Beatty will be the new highways contractor which goes live on 3rd April which replaces Ringway Jacobs.

23/176 To approve the Minutes of the following meeting

Full Council meeting dated 27th February 2023

PROPOSED by Cllr Wood, and **SECONDED** by Cllr Davey. **ALL AGREED.**

23/177 To note the minutes of the following meetings

Commons minutes 20th February 2023

Communities minutes 20th February 2023

Planning minutes 20th February 2023

Planning minutes 6th March 2023

Highways minutes 6th March 2023

NOTED.

23/178 To note the resolution from the Commons committee regarding decision for playground equipment

NOTED.

23/179 To note comments sent to Internal Auditor
NOTED.

23/180 To note the devolution scheme agreement
NOTED.

23/181 To review and approve quotes for installation of lamppost labels

Cllr Greenfield left the meeting (having declared an interest). The quotes were discussed. Cllr Holborn **PROPOSED** and Cllr Peck **SECONDED** to use company A, as they were the cheaper quote.

23/182 To review GXTC's policy on lampposts and infrastructure on private roads and estates

Discussion was held regarding whether GXTC continues to pay for the maintenance and electricity of lampposts on private roads. Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** to contact Buckinghamshire Council to check the legal position and this was **SECONDED** by Cllr Peck.

When taken to vote it was **For : 6; Against : 1; Abstain : 0**

23/183 To report back on Gerrards Cross lampposts and resolve any issues

Cllr O'Keeffe confirmed this is ongoing, and no update at present.

23/184 To review draft quote and Terms & Conditions resulting from Tender for Street Lighting

Cllr O'Keeffe reported that this is work in progress, and will provide an update at the next meeting.

23/185 To discuss and agree proposal for office laptop replacements

A discussion was held to replace the Clerk's laptops. Cllr O'Keeffe **PROPOSED** to spend up to £1500 per laptop and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Peck. **ALL AGREED**

23/186 Communities Committee update

Update on Civic Service

Cllr Wood thanked Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk for their efforts and hard work to make this event successful. Cllr Wood said St James's Church are very keen to host a similar celebration for the Mayor next year.

Picnic in the Park.

A £10k donation has been secured for the picnic event by Cllr Wood. Total spend so far is approx. £13k. Cllr Wood advised that we are expecting additional donations and will therefore cover costs of the event. It was discussed and agreed to start booking the entertainment and various activities.

Christmas Extravaganza 2023

Planning is underway. Snow globe, funfair and DJ has been booked. Road closure procedure has started.

23/187 For Picnic in the Park:

To review the Communities Chairman's delegated power to spend up to the value of the donations committed together with surplus from previous committee events
A discussion was held. Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** and was **SECONDED** by Cllr Barnett. **All AGREED.**

23/188 F&GP update and action items for decision by the Council

- **List of regular and one-off payments for approval**

All **AGREED**

- **February Financial report**

All **AGREED**

Cllr O’Keeffe reported that he is in liaison with NatWest Bank regarding access to the taxi account. The mandate will need to be re-submitted due to absence of authorised signatories.

Cllr Wood thanked Cllr Bracken for his work on the Council finances to bring them up to date, and thanked the Town Clerk for her efforts and hard work.

23/189 Councillors’ attendance at external meetings

Cllr O’Keeffe – attended Civic service, meeting with resident with parking issue

Cllr Greenfield - attended Civic service, GXCV monthly gathering, meeting with resident with parking issue, meetings regarding tree quotes and playground equipment

Cllr Holborn - attended Civic service and GXCV monthly gathering

Cllr Davey – attended Civic service

Cllr Peck – attended Civic service

Cllr Barnett – attended Civic service and meeting with Denham Aerodrome

Cllr Wood - attended meetings with Highways UK, Crowne Plaza, Daniel Ryder (Police), Civic service for Dev Dhillon and Civic service for Marlow Mayor Richard Scott.

23/171 Correspondence received at the Council office.

Various correspondence was presented.

A very complimentary letter was received from Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, congratulating everyone for a wonderful Civic Service celebration.

The next Council Meeting of GXTC will be held on Monday 10th May 2023 at 7pm.

Signed.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....

JHJ.PP.GXTC 27.03.23

20:35pm