

MINUTES
of an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council
held at the George Watson Memorial Hall on 29th November 2021 at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs J Raywood (Chair), P Aldridge, K Brennan, H Bowman, P Brookes, C Danter, R Gurney, K Powell, S Raywood, M Sztymiak, V Smith

In attendance: D Hill (Town Clerk) & J King (Assistant Town Clerk), Rev Cannon P Williams & three members of the public

21/22 - 100 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Cody (work), Davis (personal) & Devine (personal)

21/22 - 101 To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Sztymiak – Tewkesbury Borough Councillor
Cllr S Raywood – Employed by the Planning Inspectorate
Cllr V Smith – Tewkesbury Borough & Gloucestershire County Councillor

21/22 - 102 To consider requests for dispensation
None required.

21/22 - 103 To receive written questions from member of the public
No questions were received.

21/22 - 104 Public Participation
There was no public participation.

21/22 - 105 To note the Mayor's Announcements

- Recent Mayoral engagements – Tewkesbury Together films at the Roses – links to the films are on the Town Council website – Christmas Lights, Relaunch of U3A and the Christmas Fair at the Abbey.
- Upcoming engagements – Opening of the RDA shop, Mitton Manor playgroup concert, Boys Brigade – 65 year anniversary service, Choral Society Concert. The Deputy Mayor will be attending the Town Band Concert at the Roses and the switching on of the Christmas lights at Theoc House.

21/22 - 106 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021
It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021 subject to adding declarations for Cllr Smith.
Proposed by Cllr Gurney, seconded by Cllr Brennan.

21/22 - 107 Matters arising from the minutes – for information only
21/22-74 – Museum Update – Cllr Sztymiak requested report on works done and associated costs –pending final funding from Historic England. Town Clerk advised that Historic England have questioned the use of machine vs hand made tiles which has been answered in conjunction with the architect.
21/22-88 CIL funding feedback diaried for April & September – complete.
21/22-90 Stock accounting for Watson Hall bar – Town Clerk to advise as to whether the system can do this. Town Clerk advised that stock figures are included at the

year end and are properly accounted for. In terms of an ongoing stock figure the system cannot provide this. Complete.

21/22-95 Publication scheme details to be added to each noticeboard – notices are ready to go up in each noticeboard – Complete.

21/22 - 108 To note the following Committee Minutes: Planning – 13th & 27th October 2021
The above minutes were noted.

21/22 - 109 To consider and agree the draft Equality and Diversity Policy
It was RESOLVED to approve the Equality & Diversity Policy.
Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Powell.

21/22 - 110 To receive a report on the feedback from the 2030 event and agree any next steps

Cllr Smith thank all those who had been involved with the organisation of the event on 18th September – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, Officers and Volunteers. It was great to see so many people engaged in planning matters

The report is a factual report of what the feedback forms showed. 520 people attended and 161 feedback forms were received. Some forms were from couples but each form has been counted as one response. Cllr Smith thanked Chris White, Ian Parker and Virginia Kirkham for their help in collating the responses.

On the day there were lots of comments about immediate issues for the police and Highways and these have been taken away and dealt with separately. There were also questions about the flood work at Morrisons, the second phase of which will start in January. It is noted that not everyone completed feedback forms and many responses were made verbally on the day.

Overview of results:

- A46 – majority support option 4 proposed by Cllr Smith. Junction 10 to Teddington Hands solution. The business case in the report outlines the option. Overwhelming response to leave junction 9 open and keep traffic away from A435. Potential issue is the overloading of Junction 10 and it would need to be made four way (Consultation on this is due June 2022).
- Development – Feedback reflects a lack of communication and a negative response to the garden town.
- Flooding – concern that bunds would make Tewkesbury look like a fort and push the problem either up or downstream.
- Town Regeneration – 50:50 split for and against pedestrianisation of the High Street. Tewkesbury in Bloom were thanked for their superb displays.
- Environment – location of charging points, climate actions and recycling all discussed. No overriding theme to responses.
- Cycleways – Strong support for more cycleways and connectivity. The Tewkesbury to Bishop Cleeve link is scheduled to start in March.

52 forms have asked for a response and these will be given to the Council Office to send the report to them. Cllr Smith will send the report on to GCC, the A46 Highways Team, the Environment Agency, Tewkesbury Borough Council & other

local Parish Councils. Cllr Smith asked that the report is shared out to members of the public via Councillors.

Cllrs asked if there would be more of these events, as people may engage with them better next time, perhaps just focussing on one or two areas, for example development or infrastructure. It was agreed that this would be a good way forward and the maps used for this event are stored at the Town Hall. Cllr Smith advised that it had taken six months to organise this event.

Cllrs agreed that this report needs to be circulated as widely as possible and for there to be an opportunity for others to feedback too.

Action: Town Clerk to contact Tewkesbury Direct re: editorial content. Provide the link and also advise that printed copies are available via the Town Hall for those who do not have internet access. Also put notices in noticeboards.

Future Action to consider placing the information in a Town Council newsletter with a questionnaire. There maybe other questions that the Town Council wish to ask in addition to the issues currently raised.

Cllrs asked were the responses all from Tewkesbury Town parish?

Action: Analysis of postcodes from responses to take place.

There is a full council meeting for GCC on 8th December, so if members of the public or Cllrs wanted to ask questions on the back of this report, please let Cllr Smith know.

A Cllr noted that Laurence Robertson MP is linking up with MPs up the Severn Vale regarding flooding. Would it be possible to have an update on this work?

Action: Town Mayor to write to MP to ask for a progress report.

It was RESOLVED to receive the report.

Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Brennan.

Action: Minor amendments to be made to the report and the Town Clerk will then circulate to all Councillors and Rev. Canon Paul Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.02.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes 17th January 2022