

MINUTES
of a meeting of the Full Council
held at the Tewkesbury Town Hall on 11th July 2022 at 6.00pm

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

In attendance: D Hill (Town Clerk), J King (Assistant Town Clerk), Rev D Coulton & 1 member of the public.

22/23 - 52 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Gurney (personal), Cllr Devine (personal), Cllr Smith (personal), Cllr Cody (health)

22/23 - 53 To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Brennan & Cllr Bowman declared an interest in the TRI grant application.
Cllr S Raywood declared an interest in the planning application and s.106 responses.
Cllr J Raywood declared an interest in the Historical Society request.

22/23 - 54 To consider requests for dispensation
None required.

22/23 - 55 To consider the applications for co-option to Tewkesbury Town Council and to receive a short presentation from the applicant
It was RESOLVED to co-opt Paul Jones to Tewkesbury Town Council.
Voting was by a show of hands and it was unanimously carried.

22/23 - 56 To consider and agree the grant application from Tewkesbury Rejuvenation Initiative
It was RESOLVED to award a grant of £1000 to Tewkesbury Rejuvenation Initiative.
Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Brookes.

Cllr Brennan left the meeting.

22/23 - 57 To receive written questions from members of the public
None received.

22/23 - 58 Public Participation
There was no public participation.

22/23 - 59 To note the Mayor's Announcements

- Thank you to all Councillors who came along to the Medieval Festival and took part in the parade.
- Reminder that the Councillor visit to the Mythe Nature Reserve is on 19th July.
- Tewkesbury Live takes place on July 22-24th
- Update on grant funding for 64 Barton Street – application for £10,000 from Sommerfield Trust has not been successful. Waiting to hear from the grant application made to Historic England for £154,574 and the MEND expression of interest for £430,383.

- Mayoral events attended – Milestone production, Handlebards at Watson Hall, Medieval Festival.

- 22/23 - 60 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022**
It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022
Proposed by Cllr J Raywood, seconded by Cllr Brookes.
- 22/23 - 61 Matters arising from the minutes – for information only**
21/22-120 – Bar working group – Independent auditor to meet with bar working group – happened on Thursday 7th July – complete.
21/22-147 – Town Clerk to follow up on the progress on the cycle storage and Riverside Walk signs – ongoing, action with Cllr Cody.
22/23-41 – Query as to whether the precept figure had been included in the finance committee number – resolved and completed.
22/23-49 – TRI invited to attend this meeting - complete.
- 22/23 - 62 To note the following Committee Minutes: Buildings & Moorings – 31st May 2022 Planning – 4th & 18th May 2022, Finance – 26th May 2022, Environment & Amenities – 3rd May 2022, Severn Ham – 12th May 2022**
The above minutes were noted.
- 22/23 - 63 To receive the finance reports for May 2022 and earmarked reserves report**
The reports were received. The Town Clerk advised that the first instalment of the precept had been received.

It was noted that expenditure for Mayoral events had come from finance codes. The Town Clerk advised that this was a known error and a transfer was being made from Mayor’s Charity account.
- 22/23 - 64 To receive the payments report for May 2022**
The report was received.
The Town Clerk advised that the payment to the Fine Art Restoration Company appears on the payment list, but that there was a successful insurance claim for it.
- 22/23 - 65 To receive updates from Gloucestershire County Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council**
The reports were received.

Actions were raised regarding the GCC long term cycle plan:
- Request a hard copy of the walking and cycling plan – very difficult to read online.
 - Question as to where in Tewkesbury Borough the cycling workshops were held, as report says Tewkesbury Town Hall, but there was no event.
 - Invite GCC to come to Full Council to talk about cycling plans.
- 22/23 - 66 To consider and agree the Community Engagement Policy**
Deferred to the next meeting.

22/23 - 67 To consider and agree the options to be applied for under Speedwatch grant funding

Deferred to next meeting.

22/23 - 68 To nominate Councillor(s) to organise the future volunteer recruitment days

Cllr Danter and Cllr Brookes would like to be involved. This year the event was held during Volunteer Week. It was noted that the library is also interested in being involved.

Cllr S Raywood left the room and Cllr Sztymiak took the chair.

22/23 - 69 To consider and agree a response to planning application Ref. No: 22/00610/OUT- Residential Development (up to 235 dwellings) associated works, including infrastructure, open space and landscaping and pumping station. Construction of a new vehicular access from Mythe Road and demolition of existing structures

Cllrs discussed the planning application and noted that it is quite different to the earlier application. The site is the same size, but the housing density has increased, although it is difficult to tell with outline plans.

It was RESOLVED to approve the draft response provided by the Planning Committee subject to the inclusion of the following points:

- Disappointment that there has been no ecological report
- Comment on the impact on the landscape

Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Bowman.

Cllr Danter thanked the Planning Committee for their detailed response.

22/23 - 70 To consider any feedback to be submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding s.106 mitigation for what the new community will require if the above planning application is approved (Ref NO: 22/00610/OUT

Councillors were advised that this is not an indication of support for the project, but requests feedback on what would be required if the project went ahead in terms of s106 mitigation. Both Tewkesbury Town and Twyning Councils have been approached.

Anything requested must meet national planning policy test which are:

- Be necessary in planning terms
- Be directly relevant to the proposed site
- Be in scale and kind to the proposed development.

Suggestions raised were:

All building sites require archaeological survey and finds are given to Tewkesbury Museum. There is now limited space available, so provision of an appropriate environmentally-controlled storage facility for archaeology finds should be considered.

New residents will expect to find lots of local organisation to join and local events to attend. Many local organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to find affordable spaces in which to store props, costumes, banners. Provision of a storage

facility, perhaps in conjunctions with an arts / craft space for making the items that is both affordable and accessible for local groups to use.

Improve the junction to Bushley and footpath & / or cycleway along the road to Twynning.

Flood protection from the River Avon due to the new houses.

These suggestions will be submitted as feedback.

Cllr S Raywood re-joined the meeting and took the chair.

22/23 - 71 To consider and agree to allow Tewkesbury Historical Society to publish copies of two paintings of the Severn Ham and Quayside within the Historical Society Bulletin (Copyright will remain with Tewkesbury Town Council)

It was RESOLVED to allow Tewkesbury Historical Society to publish copies of the two prints. Proposed by Cllr Danter, seconded by Cllr Sztymiak.

22/23 - 72 To consider and agree grant applications from outside bodies

It was RESOLVED to award the Town Band £2000
Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Powell

22/23 - 73 To approve the payments list

There was no payments list.

22/23 - 74 Correspondence

The Town Clerk has received information from Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) on the Welcome Back Fund and how it was spent across the town. An itemised breakdown was not provided, just an estimate of £25,000. Councillors were unhappy with this and have requested better information.

Action: The Town Clerk requested that any specific feedback be sent to the office for collation and a response to TBC.

The Town Clerk advised that TBC have been allocated £1,011,978 from the Shared Prosperity Fund. Tewkesbury Town Council have not been invited to be part of the shareholder group. TBC advised that they have appointed a representative for all Town Councils in the Borough and that is the chair of GAPTC. Town Councils were not asked about this arrangement and the chair of GAPTC was only given two days' notice of the first meeting and was unable to attend.

Action: Town Clerk to request details of other stakeholders and why Town Council's have not been invited directly.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes 12th September 2022