

Wisbech Town Council



WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

27 March 2017 – 7.30 pm – Council Chamber, Wisbech Town Hall

All members of the council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting, as set out below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend the meeting.

(A period not exceeding 15 minutes is made available at the beginning of the meeting, where residents so require, to raise issues relating to matters over which the council has duties, powers or influence).

AGENDA

1. To receive members' apologies for absence.
2. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item (see guidance notes at the end of the agenda).
3. Vacancy in the membership of Wisbech Town Council – Clerk to report on the current position, following the resignation of Stephen Brunton on 28 February 2017.
4. Circle Housing - further to minute 62/16, to receive a further update from representatives of Circle Roddons Housing Association in relation to issues raised by members regarding the association's properties in Wisbech.
5. Membership of Committees – to appoint a member to the Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee in place of Councillor Lay, who has resigned such membership.
6. Cambridgeshire Constabulary - to receive information from the local policing team in relation to recent incidents of crime and disorder affecting the town.
7. Fenland District Council - to receive information in relation to District Council activities relevant to Wisbech.
8. Cambridgeshire County Council - to receive information in relation to County Council activities relevant to Wisbech.
9. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of Wisbech Town Council held on 27 February 2017 (attached).
10. Minutes of committees – to receive, for information, the minutes of committee meetings held since the last meeting of the Town Council, as follows:
 - (1) Assets Management Committee – 13 February 2017 (attached)
 - (2) Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee – 27 February 2017 (circulated previously)
 - (3) Staffing Committee – 8 March 2017 (to be circulated prior to the meeting)
 - (4) Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee - 13 March 2017 (attached).

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11. Mayor's Report – to receive information in relation the activities and events attended by the Mayor since the last meeting of the Town Council.
12. Leader of the Council's Report – to receive information from the Leader of the Council on matters affecting the town.
13. Questions to the Leader of the Council – in accordance with minute 127/16, members of Wisbech Town Council are afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Leader of the Council (NOTE: questions to the Leader must be submitted in writing to the Clerk, for forwarding to the Leader of the Council, no less than five clear working days prior to the date of the meeting at which the answer would be expected).
14. Meetings of Wisbech Town Council and its committees – Councillor Lay to propose that (1) meetings should take place during the afternoon (and not in the evenings, as is the council's current practice); (2) the current seating arrangements for meetings of Wisbech Town Council, whereby members are seated within their respective political group, be ceased and that all members are given freedom of choice as to where they sit within the Council Chamber.
15. Reports (if any) from the council's representatives on outside bodies.
16. Correspondence - to be informed by the Clerk of correspondence received by the council which is of relevance to members.
17. Noticeboard/Information update – to be informed by the Clerk of any such information.
18. Date of next meeting - to note that the next meeting of Wisbech Town Council is scheduled for 24 April 2017, to commence at 7.30 pm, at the offices of Wisbech Town Council.

Members of the Town Council: Councillors Balsevics, Bucknor, Mrs Bucknor, Mrs Cox, Hill, Hodgson, Miss Hoy, Human, Lay, Mrs MacRae, McLaren, Oliver, Miss Oliver, Rackley, Schooling, Tibbs (Chairman/Mayor) and Tierney (Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor) (plus one vacancy)

Agenda issued and published (on 21 March 2017) by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Jordan'.

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NOTES:

The Council Chamber is situated on the first floor of the Town Hall and access is available via a stair-lift if required. However, if wheelchair access is required, please contact the office, on 01945 461333, so that the necessary arrangements (the installation of temporary ramping) can be made.

Members of the public, representatives of the press and councillors may film, audio-record, take photographs and use social media to report on meetings as they take place and the council shall make reasonable provision for this to happen. Those who wish to report on meetings in this way are advised to contact the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting so that any arrangements, if necessary, can be made. Further information regarding the situation is displayed on a notice at the entrance to the Council Chamber.

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Exclusion of the public from meetings for confidential items of business

To exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of the Council, it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted "that, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for item number(s), which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated"

Notes on members' interests

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- (1) Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest and, unless the member has obtained a dispensation, he or she cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.
- (2) A member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it
 - (a) relates to him or her, or
 - (b) is an interest of -
 - (i) the member's spouse or civil partner; or
 - (ii) a person with whom the member is living as husband and wife; or
 - (iii) a person with whom the member is living as if civil partners and the member is aware that the other person has the interest.
- (3) Disclosable pecuniary interests include -
 - (a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;
 - (b) any financial benefit received by the member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a member (except from the Council);
 - (c) any current contracts with the Council;
 - (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;
 - (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;
 - (f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest;
 - (g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

Other Interests

- (4) If a member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest, he or she is required to declare that interest but may remain and participate in discussion and voting.
- (5) A member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -
 - (a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of the member or a member of his or her family or a person with whom the member has a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which the member has been elected or otherwise of the authority's administrative area, or
 - (b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above but in respect of a member of the councillor's family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom the member has a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.