

Wisbech Town Council



WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

27 June 2016 – 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. Wisbech Community-Led Local Development Programme – to receive a presentation from Kirsten Bennett, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire ACRE on the current situation regarding this programme.
4. Home Tree School, Wisbech – further to a visit to the school by the former Town Mayor, to receive a presentation from pupils and staff of this school on its purpose and activities.
5. Cambridgeshire Constabulary - to receive information from the local policing team in relation to recent incidents of crime and disorder affecting the town.
6. Fenland District Council - to receive information in relation to District Council activities relevant to Wisbech and to consider the District Council's proposal to introduce annual charges to householders for the provision of its Garden Waste Service.
7. Cambridgeshire County Council - to receive information in relation to County Council activities relevant to Wisbech.
8. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of Wisbech Town Council held on 13 and 16 May 2016 (attached).
9. Minutes of committees – to receive, for information, the minutes of committee meetings held since the last meeting of the Town Council, as follows:
 - (1) Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee – 16 May 2016 (circulated previously)
 - (2) Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee – 6 June 2016 (attached)
 - (3) Assets Management Committee – 13 June 2016 (attached)



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- (4) Staffing Committee – 13 June 2016 (attached)
- (5) Community Events and Festivals Committee - 13 June 2016 (attached)
- (6) Policy and Resources Committee - 13 June 2016 (attached).

- 10. Mayor's Report – to receive information in relation the activities and events attended by the Mayor since the last meeting of the Town Council.
- 11. Leader of the Council's Report – to receive information from the Leader of the Council on matters affecting the town.
- 12. Reports (if any) from the council's representatives on outside bodies.
- 13. Signatories to Wisbech Town Council's Bank Accounts – to consider authorising additional councillors to act in this capacity.

At the Annual Meeting of Wisbech Town Council (minute 5/16 refers) it was decided that the councillors elected to the positions of Chairman of the Town Council (Town Mayor), Vice-Chairman of the Council (Deputy Mayor), Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee) be appointed as the signatories to the council's bank accounts for the municipal year 2016/17.

As a consequence of this year's elections to those positions, the council now has only three authorised signatories; this is considered to be an insufficient number to be able to administer affectively the council's financial affairs. All payments made by the council require authorisation by two signatories.

To address this situation, it is RECOMMENDED, following discussions between the Clerk and the Leader of the Council, that an arrangement be introduced whereby all of the chairmen of committees be authorised as bank account signatories with at least one of the signatories to a cheque (or to authorise BACS payments) being the Chairman of the Town Council (Town Mayor), Vice-Chairman of the Council (Deputy Mayor), Leader of the Council or the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

- 14. Wisbech 2020 Consultative Group – to appoint two members to represent Wisbech Town Council to this group which is being formed (and would operate in a similar way to the consultative group which was formulated for High Street (HLF bid) project).
- 15. Wisbech Town Crest – to consider a request from the Wisbech and District Table Tennis Association to use the council's crest as the centre piece for medals issued to the winners of its tournaments.
- 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 25 July 2016, to commence at 7.30 pm, at the offices of Wisbech Town Council.

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If a member of the council wishes to view copies of uncirculated items prior to the meeting, or to read paper copies of items circulated previously by e-mail, he or she can do so by visiting the council office or asking for the item(s) to be sent if possible.

Members of the Town Council: Councillors Balsevics, Brunton, Bucknor, Mrs Bucknor, Mrs Cox, Hill, Hodgson, Miss Hoy, Human, Lay, Mrs Lay, Mrs MacRae, McLaren, Oliver, Miss Oliver, Schooling, Tibbs (Mayor) and Tierney (Deputy Mayor).

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

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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.