

Minutes of Town Team Meeting

Town Hall

Monday 15th July 2019

Present: Sarah Wilde, John Sunderland, Gordon MacPherson, Rob Green, Chess Fearnley, Gavin Grant, Rob Snedden & Campbell Ritchie

Also present: Lesley Wood & Clerk

1. Apologies:

None

2. To consider & approve minutes from meeting held on the 17th June 2019

The minutes were approved as a correct record

3. Update on Town Team legal status

The Town Team is now registered as a Community Interest Company with Companies House. It was noted that an awareness of Declarations of Interest should be considered in future.

4. Update on the Aldi S106 application

There has been no progress to date.

5. Update on the Town Team financial reporting forecast

Rob S had circulated the Financial Report to all. It was agreed that the Town Council will be approached to consider funding of the Town Team to fall in line with the MTC budget setting process for next year, with the intention to present to the Policy & Resources Committee at their September meeting.

6. Marketing activity including GWW initiative and update on next three months plan

Lesley updated the group on the marketing work that is ongoing and that has been undertaken, highlighting the 'Explore & Experience' project.

7. To receive updates and consider next steps on the Vibrant Malmesbury projects;

- a) Explore Malmesbury: Logo & database work is ongoing and further material/content is being brought in.
- b) Gift Card: Now that the legal status of the Town Team has been determined, the contract has been signed with Miconex and a meeting will take place this coming Wednesday. One of the first things to be agreed is the design of the card.
- c) Signposting: No update.

8. To receive a Market update

Ash stated that there is little change since his last update but that the Fruit & Veg stall is doing well.

9. To receive an update from MAP

Chess thanked people who attended the Plastic Free Picnic but noted that attendance wasn't as high as had been hoped. Feedback, however, suggested that the event was certainly thought provoking.

The MAP group has now held the requisite three free events and that three other local businesses have now become 'Plastic Free Champions.'

10. To consider providing a letter of support for Athelstan Museum in their application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding towards the purchase of a JMW Turner watercolour of Malmesbury.

It was agreed that Sarah will draft a letter with a suitable 'tag line' for all to approve by email.

11. To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor Gavin Grant

- Cllr Grant notified the group that Phillip White head is the new leader of Wiltshire Council.
- The P&E Committee of MTC has requested that Cllr Grant 'calls in' the application at Oxford Street for COU to residential.
- A meeting is taking place shortly with all stakeholders of the possible purchase of Abbey House Gardens.
- The secondary school has appointed someone who is Head of Community Engagement.
- The Park Road application for 50 new houses is an issue for the Council as the NPPF has been altered to disregard Neighbourhood Plans if the development is for social or affordable housing and there isn't already sufficient provision planned.

12. To receive an update from Malmesbury Town Councillor Campbell Ritchie

- Campbell stated that the electrical work for the TIC refit will be starting soon
- Campbell is now the Town Council representative on the Conservation Group and asked if anyone else wanted to represent the Town Team. It was agreed that Chess would represent the Town Team on the Conservation Group.

13. Any other business

None

Meeting closed at 8.30pm