

Minutes of Town Team Meeting
Town Hall
Monday 16th December 2019

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

Also present: Lesley Wood, Clerk & three members of the Dyson Institute

Sarah welcomed the members of the Dyson Institute who were in attendance and introduced all members of the Leadership Group of the Town Team

1. Apologies:

Emily Small & Ash Scott

2. To consider & approve minutes from meeting held on the 18th November 2019

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Thanks were given to the outgoing Clerk.

3. Update on the Aldi S106 application

The Freedom of Information Request response has been received and it was reported that no report had ever been produced with regard to Aldi S106 contribution and no meeting had taken place at which a decision was made. This is an extreme contravention of the planning process by the officers and will be taken back to the Northern Area Planning Committee.

The Town Team will delegate authority to a small group to write to the Mayor, the Chairman of St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council, Toby Sturgis & John Thomson to detail the current situation with the application and the FOI request. The delegated group will then draft a response to Wiltshire Council about the information given by the FOI request.

4. Feedback from Late Night Shopping

Extensive thanks were given to Sarah for the success of Late Night Shopping. It was estimated that turnout on the evening was higher than usual and that the lights are exceptional.

5. Marketing activity, including GWW initiative, Experience Malmesbury/Gift Card, Explore Malmesbury, January plans and TT participation in Malmesbury Community Day 8th February 2020

Gordon, Campbell, Sarah & Lesley gave a presentation for the benefit of members of the Dyson Institute detailing all the work that has been completed by the TT and statistics showing the great success of the Gift Card.

The Action Plan will be reviewed in 2020, moving the TT vision forwards.

6. To receive an update from MAP

Progress is being made on the accreditation for Malmesbury being SUP free. A climate crisis meeting is taking place in the Town Hall in January for all members of the public to attend.

7. To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant

- Gavin notified the group that WC is encouraging communities to make the next iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that the previous plan failed to protect core retail areas of the town (Lower High Street, Triangle, Oxford Street) and that as the Town Team now exists, it should be instrumental in the making of the Plan.
- The development at Park Road has submitted amended plans and will be discussed by MTC shortly
- The development at Backbridge is likely to begin in the New Year.

8. To receive an update from Malmesbury Town Councillor, Campbell Ritchie

- The budget for MTC for the coming year will be discussed at the Town Council meeting this week.
- Work on the toilets has been unavoidably delayed and is likely to be finished around February.
- 50 organisations have expressed an interest in the Community Day on the 8th February
- St Aldhelm's Day is planned for the 25th May and is anticipated to be a larger, more historical event than in previous years.
- The Turner watercolour of the Abbey will be returning to Malmesbury, funding from the Art Fund & Lottery Funding was granted and the painting will be on display from the Spring.

9. Any other business

- Tom from the Dyson Institute stated that he had experience in filming/scouting which could be of benefit to the TT, the Institute is also keen to have an exhibit at the Community Day.
- Gordon noted that he had received email correspondence from Penny Bell of Wiltshire Council suggesting that the TT applies for an Area Board Grant.

- Gordon stated that Miconex, the company which manages the Gift Card, is having a client day on the 25th February and will be highlighting the payment linked loyalty programme.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th January