



Coleford Town Council

At the Meeting of the Coleford Town Council held at the Town House, Lords Hill Walk, Coleford on Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 7.00 pm there were present:

A two minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for both Mike Weston, a long serving former Councillor, and resident of Coleford, who sadly passed away last week and also in memory of those that have died, lost loved ones, been injured or otherwise affected by the tragedy of Grenfell Tower, London.

Cllrs	Mr N Penny	(Mayor)
	Mr B Thompson	(Deputy Mayor)
	Mr C Elsmore	
	Mrs E Elsmore	
	Mrs N Holloway	
	Mr P Kay	
	Mrs H Lusty	
	Mrs C Allaway-Martin	
	Ms A Lapington	(Town Clerk)
	Mr C Haine	(Administrative Assistant)

Public: Mr W Williams & Mrs V Morgan and Dist. Cllr James

Public Forum

Dist Cllr James reported on the Judicial Review in respect of the Aldi application, and that a hearing has now been held, with a decision anticipated within the next two weeks. Following good legal representation, it is hopeful that the original decision will be upheld. He also reported on the most recent SCAR Bandstand meeting, and that two events are being promoted which are hoped will be well supported and a success to build upon.

50. Apologies were received from Cllrs Hale, Drury, Ball and Baird. Cllr Whittington did not attend

51. Cllr Penny declared a pecuniary interest in Item 56

52. There were no dispensation requests

53. To approve the minutes of 23 May 2017

It was proposed that the minutes of 23 May 17 be agreed

Proposed Cllr Holloway

Seconded Cllr Allaway-Martin

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed.

54. To raise matters arising from the meeting 23 May 17

There were no matters arising. Cllr Penny signed off the minutes

55. To note reports from District and County Councillors (for information only)

Dist. Cllr Allaway-Martin reported that it had been a busy few months, settling in to the new term. She has been appointed Chair of the FoDDC Health Scrutiny Group, and that she had a keen interest to engage with the community on health matters. On that note, also to report that Tewkesbury Hospital bed areas will be closed in September for a few weeks which could affect local residents, particularly in respect of eye appointments. In her capacity as County Council Councillor, GCC Cllr Allaway-Martin reported that it had been equally busy settling into this new role, with a lot of meetings, briefing and training. On that note, she reported on a positive training day with Planning personnel; visiting 5 sites where she more fully appreciated, first hand, the



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range of planning issues; particularly in respect of reinstatement of footpaths, change of usage and rights of way, payments, process and general paperwork. She further suggested that she was keen to share this information with Councillors, and would pass to the Town Clerk to distribute to Councillors for information, and to share her insights more fully. Cllr Penny agreed that this would be extremely useful.

Dist. Cllr Elsmore further reported on the Boundary Commission Review and that the proposed allocation for Coleford was still likely to be 2 Councillors for each of the two wards, which met with general agreement. Dist. Cllr James further added, in agreement with Cllr Elsmore, that this review had to ultimately be seen to be serving Coleford residents, needed to gain consensus across the parties, and for the Boundary Review Commission to see common sense.

In respect of the District Council Core Strategy, Cllr Elsmore reported that this still hasn't been accepted, and there is now a longer term strategy, looking forward to 2036.

Cllr Penny left the room at 7.16 pm

56. To agree payments (see attached)

Some clarification sought by Councillors, and Cllr Thompson explained. One payment, for Arty Type, was recommended not to be paid and, on this proviso, payments were agreed.

Proposed Cllr Kay

Seconded Cllr Lusty

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

Cllr Penny re-entered the meeting at 7.24 pm

57. To agree the petty cash payments CTC & TIC (see attached)

It was proposed that the payments be agreed for both petty cash books.

Proposed: Cllr Kay

Seconded: Cllr Thompson

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

58. To note the monthly budget figures (see attached)

Budget figures noted, with some clarification on various codes, and expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Holloway

Seconded: Cllr Thompson

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

59. To agree that Cllr Lusty should be a member of the Bells Field Implementation Committee

It was recommended that Cllr Lusty be appointed to this Committee

Proposed: Cllr Holloway

Seconded: Cllr Thompson

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

60. To make a decision re the strategic plan for the town.

Cllr Thompson reported that this Strategic Plan was an embryonic, seed of an idea and that a wide variety of interested parties and people within Coleford were involved. It was being led by District Council - who are now actively putting a plan together, with other Town Councils already engaged, already looking at regeneration, highways, planning, and would be expanded as the plan develops. Cllr Thompson encouraged Councillors to actively engage, as this was seen as an exciting opportunity, and that the Town Council had opportunity to influence. Cllr Penny agreed,



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encouraging Councillors involvement, and made links to the Town Council 4 Year Plan, as another part of overall improving the Town. It was proposed that Cllrs E Elsmore & Thompson be nominated to represent the Council on this body.

Proposed: Cllr Thompson

Seconded: Cllr Elsmore

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

61. To agree to the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee

Cllr Elsmore summarised the recommendations, proposing for them to be agreed en bloc and particularly emphasised full attendance of Councillors at the forthcoming meeting with local police.

Proposed: Cllr B Thompson

Seconded: Cllr C Elsmore

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

62. To agree to the recommendations of the Events & Marketing Committee

Cllr Penny summarised discussions, and proposed recommendations en bloc.

Proposed: Cllr Penny

Seconded: Cllr Holloway

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

63. To agree to the recommendations of the Amenities Committee

Cllr Lusty summarised discussions, and proposed recommendations en bloc. Drawing particular attention to Item 9, regarding improvements to the King George V Recreation Ground..

Proposed: Cllr Lusty

Seconded: Cllr Kay

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

64. To agree to the recommendations of the Finance & Office Committee

Cllr Penny summarised discussions, and proposed recommendations en bloc. Cllr E Elsmore raised re item 11 that the VAT deregistration would not affect the forthcoming Bells Field Project. It was confirmed that this was not the case.

Proposed: Cllr Penny

Seconded: Cllr Lusty

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

65. To note the decisions of the Bells Implementation Committee

Cllr Thompson summarised three meetings that had been held since the last Full Council Meeting, and reported that the Project was now at a key stage, moving beyond projected costs and into 'real pricing'. Cllr Penny thanked Cllr Thompson, and the Committee, for managing this key phase, with clear direction now to move forward positively. Grant opportunities were also noted.

66. To note the decisions of the Planning Committee

Cllr Elsmore reported on a positive meeting with representatives from David Wilson Homes (DWH), due to an objection raised in respect of right of way issues pertaining to a footpath on Thurstan's Rise. The meeting was thought to be constructive with the Council's position having now clearly been made, and on behalf of residents. DWH now fully aware of the presenting objections regarding the footpath and potential flooding, with acknowledgment and recognition that this is an issue of responsibility, that they will investigate and consider their position further. Once more information from DWH is provided, a further meeting will be held. Cllr Thompson agreed that



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the meeting had been constructive and that there was now a clearer way forward. The planning decisions were noted.

67. To have an update on the proposed changes at Lakers School

No report available

68. To note the minutes of and hear report from the NDP Steering Group

Cllr Elsmore reported that the Consultation Period had been extended to 3 July 17, and that the next stage would be for all responses to be considered and incorporated, as necessary. For the Final Plan to then be submitted to FoDDC for examination and referendum, with an anticipated timescale of October/November 17

69. To note reports from members (for information only)

Cllr Penny

May 26 Attended Trash Converter visit to Coleford Town Centre
May 28 Volunteering in the TIC
June 3 Attended Volunteer thank you event at Ella Beard's
June 5 Attended Glos CC LED lighting road show at Co-Op
June 5 Attended Mayor Making ceremony in Ross on Wye
June 6 Led one minutes silence for London attack victims
June 10 Ran Dancing in the Street event
June 12 Meeting with Clerk and Cllr Thompson re my priorities for the year
June 12 Attended Lydney Town Council with Cllr Thompson re Trader Associations
June 15 Ran BBC Music Day for the region
Note: Reported that this had created positive promotion for Coleford, secured profile on official video, great coverage and exposure for the area.
June 17 Ran Coleford Busking Festival
Note: Reported on a very successful event, well attended, great promotion for area and businesses
June -18 Attended Usk Town Council's civic service
June -19 Attended Armed Forces event at the FODDC

Cllr. Thompson

May/ June Bells Meetings and associated work
May 26 Signed off Scaffolding and Clock Tower work
Note: reported that the work had been successful completed
June St Johns Event

Cllr Holloway

June 17 Coleford Busking Festival
Note: Reported on a positive day, and thanks to Cllr Penny for making it a success

Cllr Kay

May 29 Unveiling of plaque in St Hilaire re Twinning.
May 30 Meeting with members of St Hilaire Twinning Association.
June 16 T I C volunteering (am).
June 17 Busking Festival
June 24 T I C volunteering (am)
June 27 T I C volunteering (am)

Cllr Lusty

June 12-15 Preparation of plants in new Town planters



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Note: Cllr Penny on behalf of Council registered appreciation, and a lot of feedback already on the improvement that they have made to the Town

Cllr C Elsmore

June 10 Twinning Association event
June 13 NDP Meeting
June 15 CAP Meeting
June 15 FoDDC Cabinet and Full Council
June 19 Town Centre activities
June 20 FoDDC District Review
June 21 FoDDC Core Strategy 2036 meeting
June 22 Halls meeting
June 26 CAP Meeting
June 26 Scarr Bandstand Meeting
June Topple Testing at Coleford Cemetery (a number of dates)

Cllr E Elsmore

June 10 Twinning Association event

Cllr Allaway-Martin

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June 17 Busking Festival
June -19 Attended Armed Forces event at the FODDC
June 15 BBC Music Day for the region

70. To note the Clerks Report

The Clerks report was noted. Key activities, the establishment of wi-fi in Coleford progressing with a positive link to the company who have established wi-fi in Cinderford, and a meeting with the Town Clerk is scheduled to assess Coleford's needs and viability. Deregistering of VAT another highlight within the month, and the Town Clerk's work on this was recognised.

71. To note correspondence (for information only, see attached list)

The correspondence was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm