



Council

10th June 2013

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Wanda King (Mayor), Councillor Pat Witherspoon (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Joe Baker, Roger Bennett, Rebecca Blake, Michael Braley, Andrew Brazier, Juliet Brunner, David Bush, Michael Chalk, Simon Chalk, Greg Chance, John Fisher, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Adam Griffin, Bill Hartnett, Pattie Hill, Roger Hill, Gay Hopkins, Alan Mason, Phil Mould, Brenda Quinney, Mark Shurmer, Yvonne Smith, Luke Stephens, Debbie Taylor and Derek Taylor

Officers:

K Dicks, C Flanagan, S Hanley and S Jones

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

15. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

16. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Brandon Clayton.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2013 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

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MAYOR, in the Chair

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Mayor

The Mayor's communications and announcements were as follows:

i) Mayoral functions

The Mayor advised that since the previous meeting of the Council she had attended several engagements, including the latest Tour Series Bike Race, a charity fund-raising quiz for Redditch One World Link, and Bewdley Town Council Civic Service.

ii) Forthcoming engagements

The Mayor advised that forthcoming events included the reception of visitors from the twin town of Mtwara in Tanzania, a charity meal with the Mayor of Evesham, the Wyre Forest District Council Civic Service, the Primrose Hospice Charity Royal Race Day, the Primrose Choir Summertime Concert, the Worcester City Civic Service, Droitwich Spa Town Council Civic Service, the Fly the Flag Day at Redditch Town Hall, the Worcestershire Summer Schools Games, a Steamboat Trip with the Mayor of Stourport on Severn and Astwood Bank Carnival.

iii) Libby Smith Charity Fund-raising

The Mayor advised the Council of an event the following weekend which had been arranged to raise funds to help send a local BMX rider, Libby Smith, to the forthcoming World Championships in New Zealand and encouraged her fellow Councillors to attend if possible.

iv) Friends of Gruchet-le-Valasse

The Mayor advised that she had met with the delegation from the twin town of Gruchet-le-Valasse during their recent visit to Redditch. The Mayor of Gruchet, M. Didier Peralta, had presented the Borough with a stone crest in celebration of 20 years of friendship between the towns.

b) Leader

The Leader's announcements were as follows:

i) Tour Series Bike Race

The Leader commented on the success of the Tour Series Bike Race and advised that, since next year was the final year in which Choose How You Move funds would be available to finance the event, the Council would need to consider the options for maintaining the event into the future.

ii) Bandstand Festival

The Leader advised the Council that the latest Bandstand event the previous weekend featuring a number of local choirs had been very successful.

iii) Visitors from Mtwara

The Leader was pleased to report that following the intervention of the Council, the local press and the local MP, the recent visa difficulties had largely been overcome and it was hoped that the visitors from Mtwara would be arriving in Redditch later in the current week.

c) Chief Executive

The Chief Executive had no announcements.

20. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions had been submitted.

21. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

No motions had been submitted.

22. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 9th April 2013.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 9th April 2013 be received and adopted.

23. REGULATORY COMMITTEES

Members received the minutes of recent meetings of the Audit and Governance, Licensing, Planning and Standards Committees.

RESOLVED that

- 1) **the minutes of the meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 18th March and 25th April 2013 be received and adopted;**
- 2) **the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 11th March 2013 be received and adopted;**
- 3) **the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 3rd April and 8th May 2013 be received and adopted; and**
- 4) **the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 8th April 2013 be received and adopted.**

24. CONSTITUTION - ANNUAL REVIEW

The Council considered an updated version of the authority's constitutional arrangements.

RESOLVED that

the Council's Constitutional arrangements be re-affirmed, as appended to the Council Agenda under separate cover.

25. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members considered a report which set out proposed appointments to various outside bodies. It was noted that nominations/appointments had not been made to Redditch Play Council pending further information on Members' liability.

RESOLVED that

- 1) **the list of organisations set out in the appendix to these minutes , to which the Council makes appointments and/or nominations, be agreed; and**
- 2) **appointments and nominations be made to each body as detailed in the attached appendix.**

26. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS

The Council considered the decision that had been taken under its urgency procedures in respect of the Matchborough East Community Centre property transfer.

RESOLVED that

the decision be noted.

27. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)

There were no separate items of urgent business for consideration at this meeting.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm
and closed at 7.17pm

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MAYOR, in the Chair

**Borough Council Representatives On
Outside Bodies**

The Council has previously decided that, so far as is practical:

- 1) more senior Members should be appointed to represent the Council on significant bodies, such as the Council Leader on Regional bodies, and relevant Portfolio Holders as relevant to their Portfolios;
- 2) other relevant Members should be appointed as befits their position / interests / Ward responsibilities, etc., for example an Astwood Bank and Feckenham Ward Member on bodies with a rural interest.

Body	Notes / Terms	APPOINTMENTS/ NOMINATIONS
Age Concern Redditch and District Board	1 Councillor plus 1 Officer * Term : 1 year Advised that Age Concern is a Limited company and an official representative from the Council cannot be a full Trustee / Director. Representation is therefore that of a co-opted non-voting Board Member.	Cllr Witherspoon
Feckenham Education Endowment (Blue Coat School)	1 Representative Need not be a Councillor Term: 4 years to AGM 2013 No specific information on nature of representation or liabilities but letter confirming limited annual funds available for donation and capital invested with the Charity Commission. Regular financial advice taken and auditing of accounts.	Cllr Michael Chalk
Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA) – Executive Committee	1 nomination must be a Councillor Potential appointment for relevant Portfolio Holder but not a requirement Nominations have to be put to their AGM in September for consideration. Term : 3 years No liability issues identified.	Cllr Debbie Taylor
Disability Action Redditch	2 Representatives Must be Councillors Term : 1 year Advised advisory and representative only, no decision-making role. No liability issues identified.	Cllrs Mason and Quinney

<p>Redditch Arts Council</p>	<p>3 Representatives Must be Councillors Term : 1 year No liabilities identified / unlikely to be any liabilities.</p>	<p>Cllrs Brazier, Fisher and Mould</p>
<p>Redditch One World Link Executive Committee</p>	<p>4 Representatives 2 Councillors, 1 Council Officer and 2 non-elected representative Nominations should not include the Mayor who is a Member ex-officio*. Term : 1 year Liability appears to be limited, provided there are no breaches of duty or trust.</p>	<p>Cllr Mason and Mr E Ebanks and two vacancies (one Councillor, one non-elected representative)</p>
<p>Redditch Play Council</p>	<p>6 Representatives (4 elected and 2 non-elected Representatives) Term : 1 year To represent the Borough Council. This is an unincorporated charity and the liability situation needs to be confirmed</p>	
<p>St Stephen's Church, Redditch Project Group (Lead Officer – Lyndsey Berry)</p>	<p>1 Member Representative (Must be a Councillor) Term: not specified by Group but suggest AGM to AGM Day time meetings. Full nature of role and issues of liability to be determined. Advised in 2010 the Group was seeking legal advice regarding measures to indemnify Project Group members. No update received to date.</p>	<p>Cllr Witherspoon</p>
<p>Eadie Mews Trust (Formerly known as the Smallwood Almshouses Trust)</p>	<p>1 Nomination (must be a Councillor). Term: 4 years (or to each AGM if preferred) Nature of representation: to represent the Borough Council but note Trustee status. No indemnity referred to. Liabilities of Trustees therefore presumed to be governed by Charities legislation.</p>	<p>Cllr Fry</p>

Traffic Penalty Tribunal (Civil Parking Enforcement)	1 Representative plus 1 Deputy (must be Councillors) Term: AGM to AGM No liabilities identified / unlikely to be any liabilities.	Cllr Mould (Deputy – Cllr Braley)
'Where Next' Association	2 Representative must be Councillors – <i>2 places variation previously agreed</i> Term : 1 year to Council's AGM Nature of representation: to represent the Borough Council. Liability appears to be limited.	Cllrs King and Roger Hill
Worcestershire Racial Equality Council	2 Representatives (need not be Councillors) Term : 1 year. Nomination to be put forward to Annual Meeting of the WREC. Nature of representation: to represent the Borough Council. Liability appears limited to £1.	Mr E Ebanks and one vacancy

Twinning Bodies:

The Mayor is appointed to the following bodies by office:

Friends of Auxerre (FoA) – President

Friends of Gruchet-le-Valasse (FroG) – President.

Redditch One World Link (ROWL - Mtwara Twinning) – President

