

Romsey Town Council

Town Hall
1, Market Place
Romsey
SO51 8YZ



BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023

In the Chair: Councillor S. Wilkinson

Attendance:

A Councillor C. Birkett	P Councillor A. Goddard
A Councillor C. Burgess	A Councillor N. Gwynne
A Councillor J. Burnage	A Councillor R. Kohli
P Councillor M. Cooper	P Councillor J. Parker
P Councillor J. Critchley	P Councillor J. Urquhart
A Councillor I. Culley	
P Councillor S. Gidley	

Clerk: Judith Giles
Public: 0

Present:

Suzi Shilling – Business, Events & Tourism Officer
Debbie Forder – Events Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr. C, Birkett, Cllr. C. Burgess, Cllr. J. Burnage, Cllr. I. Culley, Cllr. N. Gwynne, Cllr, R. Kholi, Howard Brisland – Building Manager

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Building & Town Committee Meeting held on 1st August 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDED: Cllr. A. Goddard

CARRIED

Matters Arising

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

5. UPDATE - TOM CRUTCHFIELD TVBC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Not received

6. ARCHIVIST REPORT

None received.

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7. REVIEW OF BOOKINGS

The Events Manager reported Town Hall bookings are looking good. Barclays are now present in the Town Hall on Wednesdays as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6th September 2023. Not as many weddings booked for 2024 as in 2023.

8. FINANCE REPORT

The Chief Officer presented Month 5 to the Committee. No areas of concern were raised.

9. TOWN HALL BUILDING SECURITY

Town Hall security was discussed when the Town Hall is open. The Building Manager is currently looking at different options. Once costs are received they will be brought to the next Buildings & Community Committee Meeting in December 2023.

10. BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER'S REPORT (Appendix 1)

Noted.

11. PROPOSED BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY BUDGET 2024-25

To receive proposed Buildings & Community Budget for 2024-25

RESOLUTION NO.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Buildings & Community Budget 2024-25 to the Finance & Resources Committee

PROPOSER: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDER: Cllr. A Goddard

CARRIED

12. BUSINESS, EVENTS AND TOURISM OFFICER'S REPORT (Appendix 2)

Noted. The Business, Events & Tourism Officer reported it is Beggar's Fair 30th Anniversary next year. It was suggested Beggar's Fair Committee apply to Romsey Town Council for a grant towards this event.

It was discussed that it is imperative the public report any issues to the Police on 101. This will then enable them to identify where the problem areas are.

Romsey & District Society litter pick will take place on Saturday 7th October 2023 - 9.15a.m. meeting at the Crosfield Hall.

13. ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A discussion was held regarding the RTC Newsletter. It was agreed the Chief Officer set up a Working Group to discuss a possible new format.

14. ROMSEY EXTRA DISPLAY BOARD – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The Chief Officer presented the format for the Romsey Extra Display Board which is to be located in the Council Chamber. Councillors identified changes required. Cllr. M. Cooper to send to Chief Officer and Cllr J. Parker (ex REPC Chair). Amended format for display board will be brought back to this Committee at the December meeting for approval.

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15. PROJECT LIST

Cllr. J. Parker reported projects list is now created and brought forward. It is divided into 3 sections 1. Projects entirely under control of Town Council. 2. Large projects where Town Council may not take the lead. 3. Small ongoing projects. Updated version with changes is awaited. Once received Project Group will reconvene and define what projects should be recommended for taking forward.

16. FINANCING PROJECTS

It is hoped the Former Magistrates Court project (TVBC offices) will be funded by TVBC . Awaiting confirmation. Cllr. J. Critchley reported some projects could be funded using CIL and S106 monies.

17. SHOPLIFTING CONCERNS - ROMSEY

Cllr. J. Critchley raised concerns regarding shop lifting in the town. The Chief Officer contacted Sgt. Chris Challis who reported he would like to see more CCTV in the town. The Business, Events & Tourism Officer said she is working with Test Valley Community Safety Management Group who have identified a few more cameras would be helpful. Cllr. J. Critchley asked if TVBC could support Sgt. Chris Challis request? This will be discussed at the next Buildings & Community Committee Meeting in December.

18. PROPOSAL TO CONTACT HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The Chief Officer furnished the Committee with a reply from Donna Jones - Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Office regarding letter sent to her expressing RTC concern at the long running spate of Anti-Social Behaviour in Romsey and the lack of police resources to a level sufficient to combat the problem. Donna Jones - Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner will attend RTC Full Council Meeting on 21st November 2023

19. PROPOSED CCTV – OLD BURIAL GROUND

It was agreed to defer until end of winter 2023/24 and re-visit next year.

20. ROMSEY FUTURE

Cllr. J. Parker reported there was a Programme Board on 12th September where a list of future projects were presented. A Stakeholder Event took place on 27th September. No outputs yet received. A Community Event is planned for 18th November to inform the public what Romsey Future has done.

21. MAYORAL AWARD SCHEME/ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

None

22. GRANTS

RESOLUTION NO. 23/29

It was **RESOLVED** to award £250 to Test Valley Young Entrepreneurs Contest 2023

PROPOSED: Cllr. S. Gidley

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Urquhart

CARRIED

Meeting closed 9.24p.m.