

Romsey Town Council

Town Hall
1, Market Place
Romsey
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BUILDING & TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th FEBRUARY 2023

In the Chair: Councillor S. Wilkinson

Attendance:

P. Cllr. D. Baverstock
P. Cllr. J. Burnage
P. Cllr. J. Cairney
P. Cllr. M. Cooper
P. Cllr. I. Culley
P. Cllr. N. Gwynne

P. Cllr. J. Critchley
- Cllr. K. Dunleavy
P. Cllr. J. Parker
P. Cllr. C. Wise
P. Cllr. S. Wilkinson

Clerk: Judith Giles
Public: 0

Present:

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

1. APOLOGIES

None received.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. N. Gwynne - Bartletts Almshouses, Cllr. C. Wise - Bartletts Almshouses, Cllr. S. Wilkinson
– Bartletts Almshouses

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Building & Town Committee Meeting held on 6th December 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. N. Gwynne

CARRIED

Matters Arising –

Agenda item 3 – Minutes amended to SECONDED by Cllr. C. Wise

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

5. ARCHIVIST REPORT

None received.

6. ROMSEY VOLUNTEER'S CEREMONIAL FLAG

Still under investigation.

7. REVIEW OF BOOKINGS

The Events Manager reported bookings continue to be on the increase. She furnished the Committee with a report detailing the breakdown of "Commercial" versus "Other" bookings which indicates two thirds "Commercial" and one third "Other" bookings.

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8. FINANCE REPORT

The Chief Officer presented Month 9. Cllr. J. Parker queried if £4,000 Grant has been received from TVBC under Cost Code 125 Town Centre Management. The Chief Officer to investigate.

9. BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT (Appendix 1)

Noted. Cllr. N. Gwynne asked the Building Manager what quotes he has received regarding the Town Way Markers. He reported he has received 2 quotes from local companies for the refurbish of the Town Way Markers, which would then be re-installed by Town Hall Maintenance Technician. He has also received 2 quotes from companies who will refurbish and re-install. He is currently looking for a third quote.

10. BUSINESS, EVENTS AND TOURISM OFFICER REPORT (Appendix 2)

Noted. The Business, Events & Tourism Officer asked the Committee if they are happy for her to move forward with the "Big Help Out" event in the town on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May as part of the Coronation weekend celebrations. It was agreed further investigations be made and report back at the next B&T meeting on 18th April 2023.

11. NEWSLETTER

The Chief Officer reported she has been investigating different ways to distribute the RTC Newsletter in view of merger with REPC and increased cost of printing and delivery. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council meeting on 21st March 2023 that the Newsletter in future will be available on RTC website and other social media platforms. A printed version will be available at different locations throughout the area. The Chief Officer asked Councillors to let her know of suitable locations for the Newsletter to be placed.

12. EARMARKED RESERVE PROVISIONAL PROJECT LIST POST MAY 2023 ELECTIONS

It was agreed to re-name this Agenda Item to "Project List" and remove "Romsey Infrastructure Improvements" from future B&T agendas.

1. Footpath barriers for mobility scooters to pass, maybe we could do at least the two easier and cheaper ones at The Plaza and Senlac Close.
2. A contribution towards the footpath upgrade to Grayling Mead once approved by Romsey Future.
3. Town Way Marker signs restoration.
4. Moving the SLR speed indicator round the town. Speeding appears to be an increasing problem and it is something we may be able to reduce.
5. Romsey Extra – Tree planting at various locations
6. Splash Park
7. Solar Panels – Town Hall
8. Work needed behind TVBC Offices – Former Magistrates Court
9. Christmas Market Costume Event – 2023
10. Romsey Future Projects
11. 20mph HCC initiative
12. Highwood Lane Footway Extension
13. Belbins/Cupernham Lane Footway Completion
14. Whitenap Lane Accessible Crossing

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15. Addition Seating at Abbotswood
16. Additional Seating at the Ganger Farm Children's Play Area
17. Defibrillator at the Premier Centre
18. Repairs and Maintenance at Woodley Village Hall
19. Installation of a gate to control access parking at Ganger Farm Allotments
20. New Noticeboard at Woodley Village Hall
21. Defibrillator at Halterworth School

2 new footpaths between Abbotswood and Ganger Farm to be joined up have been removed from list as Cllr. D. Baverstock confirmed TVBC has given approval.

It was agreed to set up a Working Group to agree the priorities and the basis for those priorities which will meet after the elections on 4th May 2023.

13. MAYOR'S AWARD SCHEME RESOLUTION NO. 23/24

It was **RESOLVED** to grant the following a Mayor's Award to Marianne Maxey and her husband for the choirs they have successfully set up in Romsey over the years.

PROPOSED: Cllr. N. Gwynne

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Burnage

CARRIED

14. ROMSEY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

It was agreed to remove this agenda item for future meetings as it will be covered in new Agenda Item "Project List".

15. ROMSEY FUTURE

Cllr. J. Critchley reported Romsey Future have suggested a route for two of RTC infrastructure projects

RESOLUTION NO. 23/25

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council the two RTC infrastructure projects which have been endorsed by Romsey Future. With Full Council approval they will then be referred to Hampshire County Council Community Funded Highways Infrastructure Scheme for consideration and action. The projects are as follows:-

1. Upgrade of footpath from Greatbridge Industrial Estate to Grayling Mead and Fishlake Meadows
2. Changes to three footpath barriers to allow mobility scooters to pass

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. M. Cooper

CARRIED

The Business, Events & Tourism Officer reported Romsey Future has organised Half Term Hangouts for children aged between 11 – 16 year olds at Abbotswood Community Centre on 13th April 3.00p.m. – 6.30p.m. and 16th April 4.00p.m. – 7.00p.m. Also at North Baddesley Community Centre on 14th & 15th April 3.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.

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16. GRANTS

RESOLUTION NO. 23/26

It was **RESOLVED** to grant Romsey Carnival Committee £400 for a Coronation Street Party

PROPOSED: Cllr. D. Baverstock

SECONDED: Cllr. Cllr. M. Cooper

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 23/27

It was **RESOLVED** to grant Bartletts Almshouses £550 towards their Energy costs

PROPOSED: Cllr. D. Baverstock

SECONDED: Cllr. Cllr. M. Cooper

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 23/28

It was **RESOLVED** to defer Romsey Chamber Music Festival grant application to Building & Town Committee Meeting to be held on 18th April 2023

PROPOSED: Cllr. D. Baverstock

SECONDED: Cllr. Cllr. M. Cooper

CARRIED

A RESOLUTION that the press and the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed (LGA 1972, schedule 12). The nature of the business will relate to: Allotments