

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 27 th . January 2010, start 6.30pm
ATTENDANCE	Cllrs: Wright, Clews, Vickers, Jarvis, Hopkins, M Davis, G Davis, Chambers, Peat, Singh, Barker, Shaw.
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Macchi, Freer. County Cllr Fox.
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley. Borough Cllrs Pickard, N Dirveiks, L Dirveiks. NWBC officers S Whiles, P Wortley. Police Sgt R Fildes.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as stated above. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>The chairman welcomed Mr Whiles, Mr Wortley and Sgt Fildes to the meeting to explain the licensing process and how the Town Council could be involved.</p> <p>Mr Whiles introduced Mr Wortley (Licensing Officer) who gave an explanation of the changes from the Licensing Act 2003 and the types of licences and responsibilities of the holders.</p> <p>Mr Wortley carried out enforcement in conjunction with the Police, as he had no powers for such as under-age drinking, which was against the law. The Police and the authorities can call a review of an existing licence, but anyone, including the Town Council can ask for a review to be carried out, but would need to present evidence of non-compliance. He stated that the act was still being reviewed with new laws due out in July.</p> <p>Sgt Fildes stated there had been some miscommunication between the Police and NWBC but measures had now been put in place and joint meetings would be held every 2 months.</p> <p>He said that any information from ATC or the public can be reported to himself or Mr Wortley. Mr Whiles to compile a procedure.</p> <p>Borough Cllr N Dirveiks stated that people should write in with their complaints, Mr Whiles added that any information was useful.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Pickard asked if spot checks could be done, Mr Whiles answered that this was in hand and that 3 premises had been called in for talks regarding their licences. He also asked about premises selling drink to under age people, but it was stated that this was very difficult to investigate as anyone could have bought drinks and passed them on.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P118 01/10</p>		

	<p>Mr Whiles stated that out of 300 licensed premises, in the area only 6 were problematic.</p> <p>Mrs Clay asked if drinks could be taken outside of the premises and consumed in the street, Mr Wortley replied that there was no law against this. Mr Whiles stated that the dropping of cigarette ends in the street outside of premises was an offence, and that his department should be informed of these issues.</p> <p>Cllr Singh asked about shops encroaching onto the pavements outside their shops, Mr Wortley answered that he thought that when pavements were over 2.3 metres wide they could take up to one third of it. Clerk to check with WCC Highways.</p> <p>The Town Council had on several occasions discussed the problem of fast food packaging and waste being discarded on the street, Mr Whiles said he would ask Streetscape to collect information, but shop owners could be made to clean up under a 'Street Litter Control Notice'</p> <p>Cllr Vickers asked if Streetscape cleaned up the town on Sundays, Mr Whiles answered that this was not the case at this time.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers thanked Sgt Fildes for the notices that had been distributed regarding parking at Erdington Road, Sgt Fildes replied that this had been carried out by PCSO Sarah Mander.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asked about licences for street collections, Mr Wortley replied that collections in licensed premises needed to be by registered charities, with the collectors having identification. Collections in the street needed to be registered with NWBC and usually only one was allowed per day. If anyone was in doubt about a collector they should contact Mr Wortley. Cllr M Davis asked if there were a list of collectors on the website, Mr Wortley replied that most organisations had exemptions and only needed to inform NWBC.</p> <p>Mr Whiles explained that Temporary Events Notices could only be refused by the Police, Sgt Fildes stated that they had to believe that a crime would be committed. Mr Wortley explained that TENs can be served by anyone but should involve less than 500 people.</p> <p>Mr Whiles stated that any problems regarding TENs should be reported and could be kept as information for future events.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 16th. DECEMBER 2009</p> <p>Cllr G Davis stated that on P107, item 11 a) the seconder should be M Davis, not G Davis.</p> <p>It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 16TH. DECEMBER 2009.</p> <p>Item 3, Cllr Jarvis stated that he had reported a broken window at QE School to the Police and had been given a crime number.</p>		
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>1. Request for grit bin, referred to Contracts meeting.</p> <p>9. Office Rating Valuation, noted.</p> <p>E5. Queens Award for Voluntary Service, it was resolved to nominate the local Guides and Brownies. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P119 01/10</p>		

	<p>f) Licensing Matters. Nothing on weekly list. Other listed items discussed in Public Session.</p>		
8.	<p>CLERK'S REPORT The clerk reported that the Chairman had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Nathan Sweet, which was effective from the time of receipt, the letter would be put in correspondence for the next meeting. Clerk to inform D Harris at NWBC and notices to be displayed for election. The clerk reported that that the Memorial Stability Testing course had been run on 21st January. The clerks would report to the Working Group, date to be arranged. The clerk reported that the funeral of Mrs Lola Beeson would take place on Monday 1st. February 2010, Cllr Jarvis to attend to represent the Town Council.</p>		
9.	<p>POLICY a) Parking of Aldi lorries in Sheepy Road. It was resolved to write to Aldi, copy to Cllr Shaw. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis. b) Pictures of servicemen at Black Horse. Cllr Singh stated that the Black Horse was not closing down and the pictures actually belonged to customers. Cllr Singh to monitor. c) Links from website to other websites. It was resolved that the clerks could add any links to other useful sites. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright. d) Christmas lights, update meeting. The clerk reported that Merlin Lighting were available for a debrief meeting, clerk to circulate likely dates to working group. e) Market Square, update. The clerk reported that John Bird was due back at NWBC early February. It was resolved that the clerk should contact the Chief Executive and ask for a timing plan. Proposed Jarvis, seconded Cllr Singh. f) CiLCA Status The clerk reported that Sally Oldham had sent her re-sit documents and that he had 1 item left to complete before his was sent.</p>		
	<p>It was resolved that, under Section 100A of the local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (<i>namely the details of employees, salary of clerks, and details of the terms of contracts for the supply of goods and services</i>), it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
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	<p>g) Movement of planters for Ball Game day, and quotation. The clerk gave an estimate of the cost to move a planter. It was resolved to obtain a firm quote from the following specification; Planters to be moved to Market Square (clerk to check with NWBC) Planters not to be moved until 48 hours before the Ball Game. Planters to be moved back before 48 hours after the Ball Game. Maximum of 6 planters to be moved 'Nationwide' 'Old Post Office' 'Red Lion' 'Superdrug' 'Martins' 'Co-op Electrical'. Ball Game Committee to be informed of costs. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
10.	<p>Budget for 2010/11 and Precept Demand. It was resolved that the Precept for 2010/11 would remain unchanged. The details of the Budget were discussed but were left to be finally determined before the end of March. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
11.	<p>Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2009/10. It was resolved that Mr Nigel Lane be re-appointed as Internal Auditor. Proposed Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
12.	<p>Review of Cemetery Charges 2010/11 It was agreed to refer this to the Working Group.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.