

## DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

#### HELD ON MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

Present: Councillors Louise O’Riordan (Town Mayor), Sally Kimondo (Deputy Mayor), Trevor Adams; Gregory Alderman; Wendy Bater; Philip Crawley; Mark Davis; John Gurney; Nicholas Kotarski, Liz Jones, Matthew Neall, Johnson Tamara with Paul Hodson (Town Clerk and Chief Executive), Lisa Scheder (Head of Corporate Services and RFO), and Georgia Pearson (Democratic Services Manager)

Present

Via Teams: John Crawley (Head of Grounds and Environmental Services)

Apologies: Councillors Richard Attwell, Matthew Brennan, Peter Hollick and Kenson Gurney

Public Attendance: Nil

Before the formal meeting of the Council, John Tizzard the Police and Crime Commissioner of Bedfordshire gave a brief overview of his role and priorities to Members.

#### **210/24 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 20 May 2024 and 24 June 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

#### **211/24 DECLARATIONS**

No declarations were made.

#### **212/24 CHAIR’S REMARKS**

The Town Mayor update members on the events attended since the last meeting. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sally Kimondo gave a verbal update on the events attended on behalf of the Mayor.

#### **213/24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions put to the meeting.

#### **214/24 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 2 September 2024 be received.

Councillor Jones advised members that card payments and bus passes are now able to be used on South Beds Dial-a-Ride public bus routes.

#### **215/24 GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee held on 9 September 2024 be received.

## **216/24 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 16 September 2024 be received.

## **217/24 ACTION TRACKER**

The action tracker was noted.

## **218/24 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE DUNSTABLE JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 JUNE 2024**

Councillor Alderman provided the council with a verbal update from the Dunstable Joint Committee held on 19 September 2024.

## **219/24 TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2025/26**

The Town Mayor noted the report to members.

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED:** that the new calendar of meetings for the year 2025/26 be approved.

## **220/24 REFERRAL REPORTS**

The Town Mayor summarised the key parts of the report to members.

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED:** To approve the release of a further £11,960 from the Open Spaces Improvement Plan Reserve to enable the proposed footpath works at Frenchs Avenue to continue as originally approved.

## **221/24 REPORTS/UPDATES BY MEMBERS OF CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Councillor Tamara asked members on the Central Bedfordshire Council for an update regarding the flash floods the previous week which affected Dunstable High Street. Councillor Gurney advise that he had written to the Chief Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council to ask what they will doing, and the response was that they are currently dealing with the crisis as it is, with some still experiencing being flooded. They will deal with the immediate issues, and a forthcoming strategy for prevention will be considered for the whole of Bedfordshire.

## **222/24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED:** in terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and therefore, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies

(Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

**223/24 PRIORY HOUSE PROJECT MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

Members were provided with an update.

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED:** To agree that the Priory House Project Management contract be awarded to Bidder 3 for at a cost of £57,530.

**224/24 REFERRAL REPORT**

Members discussed the key points in the report from the Personnel Sub-Committee.

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED: Corporate Services**

**1.1. – 1.4** To agree the recommendations provided.

**Community Services**

**1.5. – 1.7** To agree the recommendations provided.

The meeting closed at 7:53 pm.