

MINUTES

At a meeting of the Leisure & Information Services Committee held in the Pitman at Trowbridge Civic Centre on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 19.00hrs.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Allsworth (On Teams), Bates (Chair), Bryant (substitute for Hoar), Jacob (VC) Edward Kirk, Piazza (substitute for Emily Kirk), Palmen, Trigg and Vigar.

Officers: H Bell (Head of Services), N Patterson (Council Secretary)

Members of Public: 1

Members of the press: 0

1154 APOLOGIES

a) Apologies were received from Cllr Emily Kirk & Cllr Hoar

b) **RESOLVED:** to accept apologies from Cllr. Emily Kirk & Cllr. Hoar with reasons for absence.

1155 MINUTES

a) **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022

b) There were no questions.

1156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest were received.

1157 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was with great pleasure that last week, with 40 of the twinning associates, I had the pleasure of going to Leer in Germany, this was my first visit and I was over whelmed with their hospitality and generosity. Wonderful events were organised and I really enjoyed the experience. All credit to the committee. I am looking forward to their visit here next year.

1158 OPEN FORUM

Dr Simon Selby attended the meeting to talk on the motion that had been put forward by Cllr. A Piazza.

I think Trowbridge is missing a trick with their Mascot. Trowbridge have a unique opportunity with its own Magna Carta Baron. Henry de Bohun along with others stood up to the king to speak for the common people. Forcing the king's hand into the first chartered rights. There would be many links to media as this has multiple hooks that are visually attractive. Henry de Bohun is everywhere in Trowbridge. Young people like knights. This could all link to the museum, schools, so the young people of Trowbridge can value and appreciate the town. There are many things that could spin off from this.

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1159 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no questions from Councillors.

1160 THE LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

The committee considered the Head of Services report.

RESOLVED: to approve the quarter 1 report.

Points to note from the report:

Several councillors would like the Bar graph to be clearer. This will be actioned for the next report.

Cllr. Trigg: Are there plans for the coronation that is happening next spring?

Hayley Bell: Plans are underway for the coronation celebration. A more detailed plan will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

Cllr. Vigar: Trowbridge Town Football club is still know as this. However, the grounds name has changed to Daykin's Estate.

The report has been amended to reflect this.

Cllr. Trigg: Future Youth groups are full, this is good. Unfortunately, because the groups are full, now we cannot except anyone new, this is a challenge for the organisation but are looking into ways how we can extend our services.

Cllr: Edward Kirk: What will happen if the Pike estate do not agree to the development-taking place?

Cllr Kirk would like clarification on Doric Park, is there is going to be a fund so after 50 years, the building can be replaced ? (According to valuation, it will need to be)

Cllr. Piazza What is happening with the loan, has our MP become involved?

Cllr. Kirk questions will be directed to the Town Clerk. The Town clerk has responded with the following:

Andrew Murrison received a copy of my letter to Baroness Scott of Bybrook, no acknowledgement has been received.

Discussed Pike Estate approval with Chris Lamb, he is chasing a response.

The building will be replaced when it needs to be replaced and there has always been a sinking fund, which would be over £1 million.

Cllr Halik: Is there a plan to go fully electric with the mini bus?

Haley Bell: Apologies I am unable to answer that.

Cllr. Palmen: City Dressing was a great success and was well used in the town.

Cllr. Jacobs: Will there be an opportunity to have this again?

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Hayley Bell: Unsure if this will be happening again, Aby and myself are looking into what else could be done.

Cllr Trigg: The new resident's video, is it ready yet?

Hayley Bell: It is finished and at present we are finalising its launch. We are working with estate agents, as this video will be used to promote Trowbridge, what is on offer in Trowbridge and why it is a good place to live.

Cllr. Kirk: FOI and needing to allocate more staff to this, can we have some more figures on this. What do FOI actually cost and can we compare to other councils?

This will be referred to the forthcoming P&R Committee,

Cllr. Kirk: The flag flying events, this list is fixed and no flags will be flown other than what is on the list unless the council amends it.

Cllr Bates: That is what was discussed, yes.

Cllr. Piazza: What is happening with the Ukrainian Flag?

Cllr. Vigar: The Ukrainian flag could be flown at Ukrainian Christmas, which I think is January 6th.

Hayley Bell: Any changes to flag flying will be brought back for a decision.

1161 MOTIONS

The Council considered motions received from councillors by the deadline: **Thursday 6th October.**

MOTION 22091519:00 TROWBRIDGE MASCOT

RESOLVED: The motion was amended and it was: **Trowbridge Town Council explores ways of utilising the historical figure of Henry du Bohun to promote the town.**

1162 QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS (REPORT ITEM 10.2)

The committee considered quarter 1 accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the quarter 1 accounts.

1163 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th December 2022

28th February 2023

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1164 MEDIA RELEASES

The committee considered if the council should make a press or social Media post regarding any issues considered by this meeting

RESOLVED: Weekly media post are going out to promote the Christmas events.

Meeting closed at 20:35

Signature Melanie Date 6/12/22

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