

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr W D Tout (Chairman)

**Cllrs S Andrews, S Ezra, D Jones, G King, S Miles, and D Windess.
Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, and Mrs A McCann**

Also in attendance: Mr M Pearce & Mr R Inwood

G.1709 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr M Pearce – Item 6
Mr R Inwood – Item 7

G.1710 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray	-	Personal
Cllr M Pope	-	Business

G.1711 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr S Miles: Agenda item 7. (Personal).

G.1712 MINUTES. The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 3rd October 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

G.1713 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Nil.

Members' matters arising. Nil.

G.1714 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.

G.1715 TOWN DIARY. To give further consideration to the Notice of Motion received from Cllr S Miles on 16th September 2011 (G.1704). That Westbury Town Council should create and maintain a Town Diary for all groups in the town and surrounding areas to list their events to avoid clashes.

Mr M Pearce, a member of the Westbury Twinning Association, gave a report explaining how the Mayor's office in Chateau du Loir kept a town diary for all local clubs to list their events.

It was resolved to set up a 'Task & Finish' Group to look into the feasibility of running a Town Diary, and to report back to the General Purposes Committee in April 2012. The following members were appointed to the Group:

Cllr W D Tout	Cllr G King
Cllr S Miles	Mr M Pearce (Co-opted)

G.1716 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CONCERT. To consider a request from the Westbury Music Festival Committee for a grant towards the cost of their

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee concert on 2nd June 2012. Mr Pearce reported that The Westbury Arts & Music Festival Committee will put on a concert in June 2012, and he outlined a brief description of the event. He asked if the Town Council would consider a grant of £500 - £800 towards costs.

It was resolved that a grant for not more than £1000 be considered for the Westbury Arts & Music Festival Committee when the budget is discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

G.1717 WESTBURY AREA BOARD GRANT. To approve the Town Clerk making an application to the Westbury Area Board for a grant of £5000.00 towards the cost of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Westbury.

Approved.

G.1718 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS.

Wiltshire Council, Public Protection Services - e-mail concerning planning in case of major disasters. To be forwarded to all councillors.

G.1719 WORKING GROUP'S REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Christmas in Westbury Working Group. Cllr Ezra reported that the Children's Christmas Party held at Leighton Recreation Centre was a great success, and Cllr Hawker enjoyed playing Santa so much he has already volunteered for next year.

Cllr Mitchell reported the Christmas booklet has now been delivered to all households, with extra copies available around the town. The Christmas tree was successfully installed in the Market Place but had subsequently split at the bottom. The tree has been inspected and strapped as a temporary measure, and it is hoped it will remain stable until after Christmas. The Christmas Lights Switch-On proved to be a successful evening, and there are still more events leading up to Christmas, as detailed in the booklet.

b. Queens Diamond Jubilee Working Group. Cllr Ezra reported as follows:

Street Fayre – will be held on Saturday 2nd June 2012 from 10.00 – 16.00 hrs and will include the Petting Zoo again.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Westbury Concert will be held by the Westbury Arts & Music Festival Group on Saturday evening, 2nd June at All Saints Church.

Combined Church Service will be held on Sunday 3rd June 2012 in the Market Place, weather permitting. It will be organised by Dai Davis and will be an interfaith service.

Tea Dance (over 60's) will be held on Sunday 3rd June 15:00 – 17:00 hrs at the Paragon Hall. Volunteers will be needed to act as

waiters/waitresses. Music will be provided by a quartet and the refreshments by ladies from Cancer Research.

Children's Party and Fancy Dress Competition will be held on Monday 4th June 2012 from 14:00 – 17:00 hrs. Entertainment will include Punch & Judy, Stilt walkers and rides. Food will not be provided, but there may be some on sale for those who do not wish to bring their own. Lions will provide a candy floss & popcorn stall.

Evening Concert & Talent Show – will be held on Monday 4th June 2012 from 19:00 – Midnight. Queen Tribute band 'The Great Pretender' has been booked for the second half of the evening. The first half will feature a Westbury's Got Talent competition with ten acts (five from the town & five from the villages). Leander Morales will be arranging auditions.

Beacon will be lit up on Monday 4th June 2012, time to be confirmed. A small team will need to be organised, as well as a cherry picker and operator.

Commemorative Programme. The following components were agreed:

Westbury then and now

Life in 1952

Jubilee memories & photographs

Past Jubilees back to Victorian times

Contributions (50 words) from local clubs etc.

- c. **Website Working Group.** Cllr Windess reported that the design and mainframe have now been signed off and the website is running approximately two weeks behind the scheduled end date.
- d. **Westbury Tourism Group.** Cllr Tout presented a report about recent discussions for the potential cleaning of the Westbury White Horse in time for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Plan A: There are tentative plans for a local organisation in conjunction with the local military to clean the White Horse. Costs may be from either the MACC or training budgets within military resources, in conjunction with charitable pledges and a minimal cost to Westbury Town Council and the Area Board.

Plan B: That Westbury Town Council in partnership with the Area Board, and in consultation with English Heritage and English Nature, clean the White Horse. Should this option be pursued, it was agreed that the contribution by Westbury Town Council would not exceed £5000.

G.1720 ACCOUNTS.

- a) **List of Payments** – deferred to the Finance Committee on 13.12.2011.

b) **Monthly Statement.** Noted.

G.1721 **SUGGESTED BUDGET BIDS.** It was resolved that the committee puts forward a suggested budget bid for a grant of up to £1000 for the Westbury Arts & Music Festival Committee in support of their Diamond Jubilee Concert.

7.59 pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this fifth day of December 2011**

Chairman