

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr W D Tout (Chairman)
Cllrs S Andrews, S Miles, I Cunningham, S Ezra
D Bradshaw.
Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, & Mrs J Dyer

G.1797 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs M Cuthbert-Murray (personal)
Cllr M Sutton (personal)

G.1798 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil

G.1799 MINUTES. The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 3rd of December 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

G.1800 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Nil.

Members' matters arising. Nil.

G.1801 NOTICE OF MOTION received from the Cllr S Miles To create a Task & Finish Group, reporting to GP Committee, to investigate the feasibility of resurrecting the Charter Fair & Charter Market in the Town, putting forward any recommendations to Town Council.

Motion approved.

G.1802 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.

G.1803 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS. Nil

G.1804 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS. Items 44-66 were reviewed and the following recommendations made:

- a. Item 47 – change of date to that of the new adoption date and wording to “If any member has any private interest, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, within the meaning of paragraph 6 of Westbury Town Council’s Code of Conduct, adopted by this council on 2nd July 2012, in any contract, proposed contract or other matter, he shall, if the interest be prejudicial, withdraw prior to the vote being taken from sight and sound (preventing improper influence) of the meeting unless: item a – he has been granted dispensation by the Town Clerk or Westbury Town Council and item b – as before.
- b. Item 48 – change Prejudicial to Pecuniary.

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- c. Item 55 – change “between 6.50pm and 7.00pm” to within 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
- d. Item 58-Remove “contrary to paragraph (3) of the Revised Model Code of Conduct 2007, as applicable to Parish and Town Councils, and would be referred to the Standards Committee” and change to referred to the Compliance Officer at Wiltshire Council.
- e. Item 62 – Remove item and replace with: item a - Any or every part of the standing orders, except those which are mandatory by law, may be suspended by resolution in relation to any specific item of business and item b – A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council’s standing orders, not mandatory by law, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least (7) councillors.
- f. Item 63 – add Financial Regulations after “Standing Orders”. This item is to become item a. New addition is to be item 63b – If and when amendments are made to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, the amended page is issued to members of the council at the earliest opportunity.
- g. Item 64 – Replace the word “annually” with “in the penultimate year of the Council”, and add “financial regulations to be reviewed annually”.

G.1805 WORKING GROUP’S REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. **Christmas in Westbury Working Group.**
Report read out from Cllr Mrs Mitchell.
- b. **Website Working Group.**
No meeting held.
- c. **Westbury Tourism Group.**
No meeting held.
- d. **Delegation of Services Working Group.**
No meeting held.

G.1806 ACCOUNTS.

- a) **List of Payments** – circulated for January & February and signed by the Chair

19.56pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this 3rd day of December 2012**

General Purposes
06.08.12

Chairman