

**(draft) MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON  
MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: J. S. Allan, Town Mayor (in the Chair)  
H. Alison  
B. Batchelor  
Mrs G. Haynes  
Mrs P. J. Hearn  
S. Hearn  
M. Hicks  
N. A. Hollinghurst  
S. Tolley  
Mrs D. M. Rance  
Mrs R. Ransley

**Also Present:** Mr Keith Gray, (Town Clerk)  
Mrs Belle Daytonn (Deputy Clerk)  
6 Members of the public

16117 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

16118 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To make Declarations of Interest. Cllrs had been copied into a letter concerning the new governance structure of the New Waterways Charity. Cllr Rance declared that she was the owner of a narrow boat. The Clerk advised this was for information only and the council were not making any decisions on the matter.

16119 **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011.  
RESOLVED: That the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 be signed as a true record.

16120 **CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

Town Clerk to report on any specific matters for the attention of the Council and on Matters of report from the Minutes – for information only.

- **Communication/Street Level Information**

Notice Boards have been changed and all information requested by Council has been updated. New notice board will be installed at Duckmopre Lane Allotments site.

“Meet Your Councillors” event to be organised and further discussion needed on how this will be arranged.

Website work continues and will be presented to Council or agreement of content and style.

- **Quality Status update**

The Clerk reported that the council needs to have 4 newsletters per year as one piece of evidence to meet quality status. The Clerk will consider options and refer back to council for decision.

- **Church Square**

Town Warden is painting the bollards and other street furniture.

- **Memorial Garden**  
Pond and tree works near completion and will be officially opened in March 2012. Open to the public before then.
- **Remembrance Service**  
The Clerk is liaising with Huw Bellis on the arrangements for the service. There will be a service on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov and 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. The Mayor, Clerk and Councillors are requested to attend the event. There may also be an RAF presence.
- **Laser Speed Gun**  
The police already have one laser gun and therefore don't require another but thanked the council for their offer to purchase one. A further request has been made for a contribution to ANPR for use around Tring and surrounding villages. The Clerk will investigate this further with Sgt Adele Hopkin.

16121 **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may desire to lay before the Meeting.

- A copy of a letter from Mr M James (Tring Sports Forum) was copied to all councillors as requested.

16122 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – to suspend Standing Orders in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67 so those members of public present at the meeting might speak. It was RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67 so that members of the public might speak.

- **Presentation from Tring Together**  
Peter Coneron and Vivienne Child attended the council meeting and Vivienne gave a presentation on the work of Tring Together. She covered the history and background of establishing the group and its aims and objectives as well as the future work of the group and its request to be a charity. It is self-funded and Tring Town Council gives a large grant to the group each year.  
Councillors asked various questions and thanked Vivienne for attending and giving the presentation which brought them up to date with the work of Tring Together.

16123 **PRESENTATION FROM YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Emma Cave (Youth Town Council Clerk) gave an update/presentation on the work of the YTC. Sge was accompanied by two youth councillors (Zavi and Ben). The youth councillors gave a very good presentation of the work they are doing and the councillors asked various questions which they answered professionally and eloquently. There are 17 members all from Tring School and the youth council has been running for 13 years. They spoke on various matters which included the skate park and gave the council some ideas and feedback on matters which were important to the youth council. The Mayor thanked Emma for her work as Youth Town Council Clerk and for the work that the youth town council is doing. He thanked Zavi and Ben for attending and speaking to the Town Councillors.

16124 **REPORTS FROM COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Councillors were given the opportunity to give a verbal, or written, report on any matters they have been dealing with in respect of Tring. They were asked if they would consider doing this in a formal way and having it listed on the agenda.

Cllrs Mrs Rance, Mr Hollinghurst and Mrs Hearn spoke on the proposal and gave examples of the work they do in their role as Borough Councillors but agreed that it would be preferable to continue with the current procedure.

Cllr Hollinghurst also reported that he had received confirmation from Herts County Council that the proposed ARLA Dairy would not cause undue pressure or problems on the A41 and that roads in and around Tring would not be badly affected by the proposed build should it be granted permission by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that County & Borough Councillors' reports should not be a formal agenda item.

16125 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

To receive and adopt the minutes of:

- a. Finance & Policy Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011
- b. Planning Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011
- c. Allotments & Environment Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011

RESOLVED: Councillors had not received the above minutes and it was agreed to receive and adopt minutes at the next meeting of the Town Council.

16126 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

4/01619/11/TCA      **For Information Only** – fell cypress and elder trees at 10 Charles Street for Ms S.Hughes

The Council noted this application.

**LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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| 4/01309/11/FHA | Conditional permission for garage conversion, single storey front and rear extensions and raised roof level at 49 Mill View Road for Mr N. Price |
| 4/01321/11/FHA | Conditional permission for replacement front porch carport and internal alterations at 36 ChilternWay for Mr K. Hughes                           |
| 4/01325/11/FHA | Two storey front extension at 1 Netherby Close for Mr & Mrs D. Patrikios   |
| 4/01345/11/FHA | Conditional permission for garage conversion at 4 Beech Grove for Mr & Mrs Turland   |
| 4/01429/11/FHA | Conditional permission for single storey rear extension at 38 Longfield Road for Mr & Mrs A. McKechnie   |
| 4/01502/11/TPO | <b>For Information Only</b> – works to willow tree at 42 Friars Walk for Mr D. de Broekert   |

**16127 CAR PARKING – Proposed Changes by DBC**

Council noted the reply from Cllr Julie Laws (Dacorum Borough Council). Council expressed concerns as listed in the letter to Cllr Laws and still considered that there was a need for further discussion on the management of the car arks in Tring. Council appreciated meeting with Cllr Laws to initially discuss any concerns/proposals and would welcome further meetings in the future with DBC portfolio holder and officers as necessary. It was RESOLVED to wait for a decision from DBC on the proposed changes to the car park charges in Tring Town.

**16128 COUNCIL MEETINGS IN AUGUST**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Rance, and seconded by Cllr Mrs Ransley, that no Council meetings are to held in the month of August. It was therefore RESOLVED unanimously that no council meetings are to take place in the month of August but Planning Applications during August are to be delegated to those Councillors on the Planning Working Group. The Planning Working Group is to discuss with the Town Clerk any applications deemed as contentious and, if so decided, the Clerk will call a meeting of the Planning Committee.

**16129 QUEEN’S JUBILEE**

Proposal from Cllr Alison that the Town Council arrange for Tring to have a Diamond Jubilee Bonfire Beacon. Details were copied to all Councillors.  
RESOLVED: The Clerk to speak to Tring Together and discuss the possibilities and cost of arranging a beacon somewhere in the town. To report back on the discussion for further decision.

**16130 LICENSING ACT 2003**

To consider any applications. No applications received.

**16131 OUTSIDE BODIES**

To receive reports from members representing the Council on Outside Bodies.

- Cllr Mrs Ransley gave a report from her attendance at the Paradise Furniture organisation meeting in Hemel Hempstead. She also attended the Sports Taster Day event as well as the “Meet Your Councillor” event in Church Square, Tring.
- Cllr Batchelor reported on his attendance at the inauguration of the new Minister for New Mill Baptist Church. He will also be attending the next meeting of Churches Together in Tring.
- Cllr Hicks had attended the “Meet your Councillor” event in Church Square, Tring.
- Cllr Mrs Hearn had reported that she had attended a meeting of the Royal British Legion and also Tring Charities. She reminded Council that she would be willing to give a more in-depth report of her work with Tring Charities if they wished in a closed session of the Council.
- Cllr Mrs Haynes reported on her attendance at the Age Concern meeting and gave an update on future planned events.
- Cllr Tolley had attended the Justice & Peace Group meeting as well as the Tring History Group meeting. He also reported that he was in discussion with various people about the arrangements for the proposed Charter Market Celebrations in 2013.
- Cllr Hollinghurst reported on his attendance at the Sure Start Centre meeting as well as the “Meet Your Councillor” event in Church Square, Tring.

- Cllr Allan reported on various events he had attended as Town Mayor which included: Meeting at Memorial Garden, Shendish Manor (DENS event), British Legion presentation to Tesco, Community Action Dacorum Exec HH, County Youth Orchestra, Watford, Herts Sports Partnership, Hatfield, Highway Liaison DBC mtg, Dacorum Foodbank, New Mill Baptist Minister inauguration, Halton Freedom of the Town Parade, Aylesbury and Grassroots launch of loyalty scheme.

**16132 CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

To consider the Clerk's Financial Statement and to certify accounts for payment.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Clerks Financial Statement of Accounts and that the orders and retrospective orders for payment be agreed for payment.

**16133 TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

To receive, consider and accept the minutes of the Youth Town Council.

No minutes were received.

There being no further business of the Council, the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.05p.m.

Chairman