

Council

Monday, 25th April, 2022
6.00 - 8.00 pm

Attendees	
Councillors:	Steve Harvey (Chair), Sandra Holliday (Vice-Chair), Victoria Atherstone, Matt Babbage, Paul Baker, Garth Barnes, Dilys Barrell, Angie Boyes, Nigel Britter, Jonny Brownstein, Barbara Clark, Flo Clucas, Mike Collins, Iain Dobie, Stephan Fifield, Bernard Fisher, Wendy Flynn, Tim Harman, Rowena Hay, Martin Horwood, Peter Jeffries, Alisha Lewis, Chris Mason, Paul McCloskey, Andrew McKinlay, Emma Nelson, John Payne, Richard Pineger, Julie Sankey, Louis Savage, Diggory Seacome, Jo Stafford, Simon Wheeler, Max Wilkinson, Suzanne Williams and David Willingham

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Bassett-Smith, Oliver and Stafford sent apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 21st March meeting were unanimously approved and signed as a correct record.

4. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor reported two feel-good stories, the first of which related to Rosie-May Alcock, an 8 year old girl living in Cheltenham who saw the news about Ukraine and wanted to do something about it. During the racing festival, she sang and danced for racegoers to raise money and collected more than £1700. The Mayor invited her for breakfast last week and handed over the money to the priest of the Ukrainian church in Gloucester. She was an inspirational person and he was proud to have met her.

He added that Cllr. Wilkinson had recently invited him along to watch Cheltenham Town Ladies play at Cirencester, where they beat Chesham 3-1 and were promoted as champions to the FA Women's League National Premier Division. A few days later, they won the FA Trophy cup final to secure a double. As well as being excellent footballers, they were real role models and a credit to the town, and he hoped they would be able to secure sponsorship that would help them move back to Cheltenham from Cirencester.

5. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader thanked the Mayor for his year of service as the town's first citizen, and hoped that he had enjoyed the role and could take a well-earned rest next year. She reiterated her thanks to all those who were standing down in May for their commitment to democracy and public service, and wished everyone standing for election all the best.

She added that she had met with the Police and Crime Commissioner, MP and relevant county council Cabinet Member to look at the wider picture of safety in the town, as promised in her last briefing. Finally, she reported that a member briefing from Martin Stacy on the topic of sponsorship and homes for Ukrainian refugees would be circulated shortly.

6. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

There were none.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

8. MEMBER QUESTIONS

There were none.

9. ANY OTHER ITEM THE MAYOR DETERMINES AS URGENT AND WHICH REQUIRES A DECISION

There were none.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 -EXEMPT INFORMATION RESOLVED

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining agenda items as it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5, Part (1) Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, namely:

Paragraph 3; Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Paragraph 5; Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings

11. EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the 21st March meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

12. A PROPERTY MATTER

Tim Atkins (Managing Director Place and Growth) introduced the report, which related to the Golden Valley Development, and responded to questions from Members.

The Mayor moved to a recorded vote, which was carried unanimously.

FOR: 34 (Atherstone, Babbage, Baker, Barnes, Barrell, Boyes, Britter, Brownsteen, Clark, Clucas, Collins, Dobie, Fifield, Fisher, Flynn, Harman, Harvey, Hay, Holliday, Horwood, Jeffries, Lewis, Mason, McCloskey, McKinlay, Nelson, Payne, Pineger, Sankey, Savage, Seacome, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Williams)

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Steve Harvey
Chairman