

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 April 2016 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

Present: Councillors Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair))
P. Cottrell)
M. Greensword) Callicroft
Ms R. Messenger) Ward
Mrs P. Coleman)
S. Scott (after item 46))

E. Gordon)
Mrs E. Martin)
J. Butler) Coniston
E. Bathe-Taylor) Ward
Mrs M. Bathe-Taylor)
M. Grotzke)

45/16. JAMIE GILL

The Chairman welcomed Jamie Gill, Partnership Director of 1625 Independent People, to speak to the Council about their work of housing and supporting young people between the ages of 16 and 25.

Jamie explained that the organisation now supported young people throughout the west of England but that it had started in 1994 as Priority Youth Housing with an office in Patchway. They had hoped to have an office in Coniston Community Centre but now have been in one of the shops at The Parade for 16 years.

1625 run the Bristol Foyer, funded by Bristol City Council, for vulnerable young people, offer an outreach service, visiting young people in their homes and have 200 places in shared housing with support services. They have a whole range of support packages, including financial skills, mental health, training, education and employment.

Jamie informed the Council of a new partnership scheme with Andrews Estate Agents, where the company buys properties and leases them to 1625 to house young people leaving care in 1 bedroomed flats. He suggested that this was a model which could be considered in Patchway if the Town Council was interested. He would be happy to meet with a small group of Councillors to look at possible solutions for Patchway, as at present there is no dedicated housing for young people unless they have considerable support needs when they can be placed in Charles England House temporarily.

The Chairman thanked Jamie for his visit and said that the Council would look forward to working with him in future. Mr. Gill then left the meeting.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Gordon, seconded by Cllr. E. Bathe-Taylor, that the item “Casual Vacancy” would be moved to later in the agenda.

46/16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from C. Mills (holiday), R. Loveridge (illness) and K. Dando (wife’s illness).

It was noted that under Standing Orders, Councillors must state a reason for their absence from Council meetings and that this must be recorded as well as the names of any Councillors not sending apologies. It was also noted that under Standing Orders Councillors must make their own apologies by contacting the office.

47/16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman stated that any member having a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed should declare it during the meeting as specified in the Code of Conduct required by the Localism Act 2011 Section 27 and should leave the room while the matter was discussed.

48/16. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 March 2016, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Martin, seconded by Cllr. E. Bathe-Taylor.

49/16. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) SBCP Family Support Service: 30/16
The objection of the Council to cuts in the financial support for this service was submitted and has been acknowledged. No decision has been taken yet.
- b) Lighting of Beacon for Queen’s Birthday: 35b/16
It was noted that Councillors had received information from the Vicar of St. Chad’s Church that there would be a short church service at 6.45 pm on Thursday 21 April and that the Beacon would be lit on The Tumps at 7.30 p.m. It was hoped that Councillors would attend.
- c) Consultation on changes to library services: 38/16
Martin Burton, Head of Libraries, would be speaking at the Annual Town Meeting on 4 May and had offered to hold an informal meeting with

representatives of the Council beforehand. We are awaiting dates when he is free to meet.

- d) Our Place Project (Patchway Green Spaces): 41d/16
The worker for this project attended the Parks & Open Spaces Committee to report on her various projects in Patchway and her report is included in the minutes of this meeting.

50/16. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Cllr. Cottrell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March, copies of which had been circulated, and which were endorsed by the Council. It was agreed to refer the overflowing bins in Charlton Hayes to Environmental Health.
- b) Planning & Transport Committee
Cllr. Gordon presented the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March, copies of which had been circulated, and which were endorsed by the Council. It was noted that the special meeting to discuss government proposals to change the planning system had been very poorly attended. Councillors were supportive of the idea to organise Walkabouts to various areas on concern. It was suggested that the Council could offer to collect items from back lanes and charge residents for the disposal.
- c) Finance Committee
Cllr. M. Bathe-Taylor presented the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April, which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.

51/16. CASUAL VACANCY

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Bathe-Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Martin that Sam Scott should be co-opted to fill the Casual Vacancy on the Council. Mr. Scott gave a short presentation explaining that his priorities as a Councillor would be transport and youth. The proposition was then put to the vote and was carried by 8-1 with 2 abstentions.

Cllr. Scott then took his seat at the table and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillors welcomed his return to the Council. In response to a question as to whether Cllr. Scott would continue as a Member of Stoke Gifford Parish Council, he stated that he had not made a decision.

52/16. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Walker reported that funding cuts were have severe effects on vulnerable members of society.

Cllr. Orpen gave information on discussions at SGC on government proposals for a Devolution Deal to boost the West of England economy made in March. This would involve £1 billion investment to the region (£30m a year for 30 years) and devolution of significant powers, funding and responsibilities to the region which would incorporate the four councils which used to be Avon. SGC would be considering these proposals which are supported by the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership. Part of the proposal was to have a Metro Mayor to run the new authority.

It was agreed that copies of the information would be circulated to all Councillors for information and to ask ALCA and SGC what effect these proposals would have on local councils in the area such as the Town Council.

53/16. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

No reports.

54/16. VISIT FROM GAUTING

Cllr. Martin reported on the visit of a group of young people from Gauting this week, from 11-16 April. Councillors were invited to meet the students at an evening meal at Coniston Community Centre on the evening of 14 April and it was agreed that a printed mug commemorating the Queen's 90th birthday should be presented to each young people and the accompanying teachers.

The Council noted that the young people were staying with local families and doing work experience in the following primary schools during the week: Callicroft, Holy Family, St. Chad's and Stoke Lodge. The Council thanked these schools for their co-operation.

55/16. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Council noted that the new Safer & Stronger Community Group for Patchway and Filton will be held on Thursday 5 May at 7 p.m. at Filton Leisure Centre.

56/16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council made no objection to the following applications:

4 Coniston Road (Boots Opticians)	Installation of 2 wall-mounted condensers
120 Gloucester Road	Change of use of part of ground floor from retail to residential to create 4 self-contained flats
Charlton Hayes Parcels H3, H4, H5	118 dwellings (reserved matters)

The Council noted planning correspondence concerning:

Rose Cottage, Hempton Lane
107 Gloucester Road
1 Hazeldene Road
Proposals for Merlin Road (ice skating rink)

57/16. FINANCE

The Council noted the following income received:

Almondsbury Athletics FC	Pitch Fees Jan	70.00
Sports & Social Club FC	Ground Rent Feb	986.38
Bristol United Ladies FC	Pitch Fees Jan/Feb	210.00
Fleet Air Arm	Photocopying	9.00
Patchway Town FC	Pitch Fees Jan/Feb	560.00
Coniston Community Ass.	Final Grant Payback	1000.00
Almondsbury Athletics FC	Pitch Fees Feb	70.00
Stoke Lane FC	Pitch Fees Jan/Feb	420.00
Patchway Town FC	Floodlight Tokens	5.00
	Total Income	£3330.38

The Council noted the following Direct Debits:

Total Gas and Power	Electricity Scott Park	102.39
Total Gas and Power	Electricity Casson Centre	62.39

Total Gas and Power	Electricity Callicroft House	77.17
All Star fuel card Services	Fuel for litter van	41.40
British Gas	Boiler Service contract:	
	Scott Park	£59.30
	Callicroft House	£37.30
	Casson Centre	£37.30
	Total Direct Debit	£417.25

The Council agreed the following expenditure:

ALCA	Annual Membership		998.31
South Gloucestershire Council	Coniston Ground Rent	250.00	
	Scott Park Rates	2468.40	
	Callicroft House Rates	9070.25	
	Rent of Blakeney Rd Play Area Path	50.00	
	Centrex Telephone Dec to Mar	323.80	12,162.45
NALC	Subscription to LCR		54.00
Zurich Municipal	Town Council Insurance Policy Renewal		4,824.43
WPS Ltd	Fleet Insurance		2,331.94
Craig West Turf	10 x Play lawn		27.00
Building Supplies Patchway	Top Soil, Type 1 Supplies for Park		79.10
Mr M Dark	Window Cleaning Callicroft and Casson		83.00
Viridor Waste Management	3 x Skip Exchanges		811.86
Patchway Auto Parts	Supplies for Van		11.63
Virgin Media Business	Broadband		39.60
Simply Washrooms	Washroom Services Casson	149.76	
	Washroom Services Callicroft	149.76	299.52

Orange	Mobile Phones March		27.72
HMRC	PAYE March		4,414.54
BANES	Staff Pension March		3,446.39
Lucy Hamid	Clerks Expenses:		
	Fencing and Staples	92.97	
	Refreshments for Twinning Reception	5.95	
	Tyre Repair	18.00	
	Postage	75.86	192.78
The Consortium	Coloured Ink	61.75	
	Cleaning Supplies	55.20	116.95
	Staff Salaries		15,859.94
		Total Expend- iture	45,781.16

58/16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 10 May at 7.30 p.m., and would commence with Public Question Time. This would be the Annual Meeting of the Council.