

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 January 2017 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.

Present: Councillors Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair)
P. Cottrell)
M. Greensword)
R. Loveridge) Callicroft
S. Scott) Ward
K. Dando)

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

1/17. PATCHWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Council welcomed the new Head of the College, Mrs Karen Cornick, to give a presentation on the College since she joined as Head in September. Mrs Cornick circulated a presentation "Improving outcomes for Patchway children".

Mrs Cornick stated that she had previously taught at Castle School and King Edmunds, Yate. It was a great disappointment to the staff that Ofsted had placed the school in special measures due to the outcomes for children and the management and teaching not being good enough.

The school had applied for new funding to repair roofs and heating and these improvements must be made before the school can join the Olympus Trust.

There are currently 600 children at the school and a new Pegasus School for those with autism would open on site in 2018.

Mrs Cornick is working with Julie Close on improving community development and citizenship and to prevent racist bullying. The school wished to have a programme to train Anti Hate Crime Ambassadors and is in close contact with parents through Parent Link and Twitter Feed.

The Chairman assured Mrs Cornick that the community had always supported the school with great loyalty and she was sure that they would soon get out of special measures. This was endorsed by other Councillors, many of whom had ties with the school as former pupils, staff or governors.

2/17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills (ill), Grotzke (ill), Coleman (away), Messenger (working).

Cllr. Dando thanked the Council for their sympathy at the loss of his wife. The Chairman stated that the Council was very pleased that Cllr. Dando was now back at meetings.

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.

3/17. RESIGNATION OF CLLR. MILLS

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Mills had resigned from the Council and that a Casual Vacancy would be declared. If there was no request to SGC for a by-election, the Council would be able to co-opt a new Member at the next meeting.

The Council regretted Cllr. Mills' resignation and asked that their thanks should be conveyed to him for his service to the Council and his contribution, particularly on finance. It was unanimously agreed to express the Council's thanks and to send him good wishes for the future.

4/17. 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.

5/17. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 December 2016, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Gordon seconded by Cllr. Martin.

6/17. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Freeman of Patchway: Win Williams
Councillors were reminded of the ceremony to create a new Freeman of Patchway at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 January. The presentation would be made by Cllr. Erica Williams, Chair of SG Council, and light refreshments would be served.
- b) Standing Orders
Revised copies of the Standing Orders were circulated, including the amendments agreed on 11 October 2016.

7/17. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

a) **Finance Committee**

Cllr. Orpen presented the minutes of the meetings held on 3 & 5 January, copies of which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council. Arising from these Minutes, the Council agreed unanimously, proposed Cllr.

Dando, seconded Cllr. Martin:

- That all organisations should be given the opportunity to apply for three-year funding
- That, regarding the powers of committees, the status quo should continue in that, although the Council had the legal ability to delegate powers to committees, this power was not used except during the summer recess.

8/17. **TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AND SET A PRECEPT FOR 2017-18**

The budget prepared and agreed by the Finance Committee was circulated on peach paper. The Council noted that various economies had been made and that an increase in the Precept of 3% had been proposed.

It was unanimously agreed, proposed Cllr. Orpen, seconded Cllr. M. Bathe-Taylor, that the budget for 2017-18 should be £677,633 and that the Precept would be £555,373.

It was noted that the local government rate support grant paid by SGC would be £24,527, making a total income of The balance would be made up from funds carried forward at 31.3.17. It was anticipated that the Council would retain a reserve of over £50,000.

9/17. **INVOLVEMENT OF THE COUNCIL IN THE VISIT OF THE MAYOR OF GAUTING TO PATCHWAY IN MAY**

The Council agreed to hold a welcome reception at Callicroft House on Wednesday 17 May, although the time of arrival of the group not yet known. This visit was to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter by the Councils of Patchway and Gauting.

It was also agreed that the Council would like to host the Dinner at Filton Golf Club on Friday 19 May, but would only pay for the visitors and not Councillors.

10/17. **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Walker had been unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Dando reported that he was only just returning to Council duties and so had nothing to report.

Cllr. Orpen reported that discussions on the development of Oaklands in Almondsbury were being held this week.

11/17. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS & MEETINGS

Cllrs Mr & Mrs Bathe-Taylor reported on the meeting in Filton of the Community Engagement Forum (previously Safer & Stronger Group) at which the Police Commissioner had spoken.

The Clerk reported on the December meeting of the Priority Neighbourhood Group. The Police had reported on a new management system from the spring. Areas of concern were a recent increase in burglaries in Patchway. The Police planned to work on increasing neighbourhood watch groups this year.

12/17. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Council noted that the next meeting of the Public Transport Forum meeting would be held on 30 January at 7 pm at Kingswood.
- b) A poster was circulated advertising Police Beat Surgeries to be held at Scott Park monthly using a mobile police station.
- c) A consultation on the SGC budget following the announcement of the local government finance settlement was noted. The Council supported SGC using the permitted increase of 3% from April on the adult social care budget as this funding was much needed.
- d) The Council noted details of a national celebration for end of WWI to be held in November 2018. This would be known as "100 Years of Remembrance" and it was agreed to work with the RBL and Sports & Social Club for a fitting commemoration for Patchway. Enquiries would be made into any casualties in recent conflicts which should be added to the names on the proposed plaques.
- e) A copy of the Police & Crime Plan for the next four years was received for information.
- f) The Council was pleased to receive a letter of thanks for the grant made to Four Towns & Vale Link Community Transport.

13/17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council made no objection to the following application:

40 Stroud Road Single storey rear extension

The Council noted a letter from the Planning Enforcement Officer concerning the Poppadum Takeaway, 122 Rodway Road. No further action would be taken unless the situation deteriorated.

The Council noted the revised proposals for landscaping the Linear Park in Highwood Road and that a site visit had been arranged for the morning of 19 January. The Clerk would notify Councillors of the time of this visit.

14/17. FINANCE

The Council noted the following income received:

Patchway Sports & Social Club	Ground Rent	986.38
Patchway Sports	Pitch Hire	72.00
Patchway Town	Pitch Hire	840.00
Avon Indian Association	Casson Hire	160.00
Patchway Cricket Club	Pitch Hire	1215.50
	Total Income	3273.88

The Council noted the following Direct Debits:

Total Gas and Power	Electricity Sports Pavilion 1/12/16-30/11/17	73.11
Total Gas and Power	Electricity Casson Centre 1/12/16-31/12/17	34.78
Total Gas and Power	Electricity Callicroft 1/12/16-31/12/17	76.28
Grenke	Photocopier Lease	141.59
In Ltd.	Software/security	9.96
Allstar	Fuel for Truck 80.01	
	Fuel for Truck 42.85	127.66
	Total Direct Debit	463.38

The Council agreed the following expenditure

HMRC	PAYE		4750.82
BANES	Pension		3220.62
Carr Power Products	Strimmer Cable		25.25
Virgin Media	Broadband Dec		39.60
Viridor	Skip Emptying		455.70
Oran e	Mobile Phones		27.67
South Gloucestershire Council	Quarterly ground rent for Coniston Community Centre		250.00
TH White	Winter Service for mowers		3636.30
CommuniCorp	Local Council Update Subscription		75.00
Southern Brooks Community Partnerships	Staff Christmas Meal		165.00
Prolific	Photocopying Dec		4.62
Ross Office	White Paper		30.00
NALC	Local Council Explained		14.99
David Ogilvie	WW2 Bench		889.20
Patchway People	Advert Dec		175.00
Open Spaces Society	Membership Renewal		45.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Membership Renewal		36.00
Building Supplies Patchway	Concrete Slabs	1746.38	
	3/8 Dust	135.80	2258.62
HI-Q Tyre Services	Tyre Repair Mower		61.14

Roger Loveridge	Travel to Good Councillor Course		14.40
John Thomas	Cleaning Supplies PCC Grant		147.32
Luc Hamid	Clerks Expenses:		
	Christmas refreshments for Council	24.99	
	Tea for office	2.27	
	Photo Frames/Clock	66.05	
	Postage	77.85	171.16
South Gloucestershire Council	Planning application for MUGA		97.50
Salaries	Salaries Dec		15 497.31
		TOTAL	32,088.22

15/17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 14 February at 7.30 pm and would commence with Public Question Time.

