

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012  
AT 7.45 PM

Present: Cllr N A MacRae MBE - Town Mayor  
Cllr A Coomber - Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley Cllr P Madden  
Cllr R W Crapper Cllr P Scott  
Cllr A Farmer Cllr Mrs L Walcott  
Cllr Mrs L Little Cllr W Walcott MBE  
Cllr Mrs C MacRae

Apologies: Cllr Mrs M Crossland, Cllr H Jobes and Cllr N Miah

152 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 February 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

153 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the new heating system had been installed at the Allandale and the Assistant Town Clerk reported that a mock-up of the web site was being produced.

154 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Mayor introduced four people who had applied for co-option to the Council. The fifth candidate had withdrawn that day. Each candidate made a short presentation and answered questions from Councillors.

Council RESOLVED that voting should be in writing.

Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Mike Steward to the Council by an absolute majority of votes.

Cllr Steward signed the acceptance of office and joined the Councillors at the table.

The Mayor thanked all those who had shown an interest in applying for Co-option.

155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Scott declared an interest as Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and the NAG. Cllr MacRae and Cllr Mrs MacRae declared an interest as allotment holders. Cllr MacRae declared an interest as Governor of Gateway School and St Joseph's School and in cheque 10161. Cllr Coomber declared an interest in anything to do with RAF Brize Norton and as a Governor of Carterton Community College. Cllr Madden declared an interest as a Governor of Carterton Community College. Cllr Crapper declared an interest as a member of the Chamber of Trade. Cllr Farmer declared an interest in cheque 10130.

156 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked all those who had been involved in the repatriation of six service personnel which had taken place earlier that day. He thanked all the volunteers and the

Council staff who had supported the families during the day and said that from his conversations with the families, he knew that they felt well cared for.

The Mayor said that with the Mayoress he had attended the County Youth Orchestra performance at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham where Gateway had been represented. The Mayor also thanked all those who had supported the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert which had raised £1,500 for charity. The Mayor and Mayoress had attended several civic dinners and had also opened the new Aldi store.

#### 157 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES

No issues were raised.

#### 158 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Couchman reported on budget savings achieved in the current year and further savings needed next year. He commented on the impact of the new Localism Act and changes in the education system with schools opting for academy status. He said that the roads budget had been protected. Cllr Handley reported on projects going ahead under the Area Stewards Scheme and asked for suggestions for next year. He was shortly to have a meeting with Highways and was asked to raise concerns about the state of the roads in general and Upavon Way, Brizewood and the Carterton South Industrial Estate in particular. Meetings were taking place to discuss the future of the primary and secondary schools in Carterton and Cllr Handley would be meeting David Cameron MP in April to discuss the Fire Station and the County Council boundary change. Cllr Handley would be putting a paper on the Fire Station to the Town Council for discussion in April.

#### 159. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was received. The decisions taken on the Report are recorded at Annex 'A'. See below.

#### 160 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 21 February and 6 March 2012. These were noted.

#### 161 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Administration Committee held on 6 March 2012.

The Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Administration Committee be approved.

#### 162 PORTAS PILOT

The Clerk outlined details of the bid that CFF and CTC were preparing for a grant under the Portas Pilot Scheme. The aim was to create a Market Square around the Town Hall which would provide a new home for the Thursday market whilst also creating a pedestrian link between Aldi on Alvescot Road and the Morrisons site on Black Bourton Road. The bid had to be submitted by the end of the month.

Councillors said that they supported this bid which they felt would provide a good location for the market and which might also provide some income for the Town Council.

Council NOTED the application for grant funding.

163 JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Council received a verbal report from Cllr Mrs Little. She said that she was now being approached by people wanting to be part of the celebrations. There would be a key stakeholders meeting on 26 March and Cllr Mrs Little would be able to give a detailed programme of activities to the Council at its April meeting.

164 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 29 February 2012, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

165 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for February set out at Annex 'C' be approved for payment.

166 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

1. **Application for a premises licence.** See attached notice for the Really Useful Shop, 2/3 The Tower Centre. **No objections were raised.**
2. **Tower Square Garden.** To see attached letter from the Cotswold Flower Club. **It was agreed that this offer should be gratefully accepted.**
3. **Proposed Solar Farm at Kencot.** To see attached letter. **Noted**
4. **Grants.** The Community College has written to thank the Council for its grant towards the cost of library books. **Noted.**
5. **Forthcoming meetings and events:**

25 March	Carterton 10K 10.30 a.m.
28 March	Junior Town Crier Competition 4.00 pm at the Town Hall
3 April	Planning
17 April	Planning & Council
19 April	Meeting with David Neudegg and Andrew Tucker 9.30 am <b>(moved from 22 March)</b>
21 April	St George's Day Dinner
24 April	Planning (if needed)
1 May	Town Assembly – Browne's Hall
10 May	Presentation of Exceptional Citizens and Young People's Awards 3.00 pm
15 May	Planning and Annual Meeting of the Town Council

