

Finally, the Mayor expressed her thanks to David Wesson for his contribution to the Council in the last year, and a huge thank you to Peter Madden for 24 years of service to the Town Council. A card was circulated for Peter and signed by members present, and the Mayor advised that a Coffee Morning will be organised in the near future to which Peter will be invited to receive a gift and the formal thanks of the Council.

6 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2015/16

Details of Committee preferences collected at the meeting are given below:

Policy & Resources:

Cllr Miss S Coul, Cllr R Crapper, Cllr N Leverton, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr M McBride, Cllr Mrs M Mead, Cllr P Scott, Cllr Mrs J Smith and Cllr M Steward

Economic Regeneration:

Cllr R Brooks, Cllr Mrs D Bulley, Cllr Miss S Coul, Cllr Mrs C Delaney, Cllr N Leverton, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr M McBride, Cllr Mrs M Mead, Cllr D Melvin and Cllr M Steward

Amenities:

Cllr M Brennan, Cllr Mrs D Bulley, Cllr R Crapper, Cllr Mrs C Delaney, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr D Melvin, Cllr Mrs N Miah, Cllr Mrs J Smith and Cllr Mrs C Wilson

Planning:

Cllr M Brennan, Cllr R Brooks, Cllr Mrs D Bulley, Cllr R Crapper, Cllr N Leverton, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr Mrs N Miah, Cllr Mrs C Wilson

7 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS 2015/16

IT WAS RESOLVED to make the following appointments: -

Allandale Management Committee:

Cllr R Brooks, Cllr Mrs C Delaney, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr M McBride and Cllr Mrs N Miah.

Carterton Community Centre:

Cllr Miss S Coul, Cllr R Crapper, Cllr M McBride, Cllr Mrs M Mead and Cllr M Steward.

Remembrance Day Observance (Royal British Legion):

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley and Cllr R Crapper

Allotments Association:

Cllr Miss S Coul

Squash Club Committee:

Cllr P Scott

Football Club:

Cllr M Brennan, Cllr Miss S Coul, Cllr N Leverton and Cllr Mrs M Mead

Brownes Hall Management Committee:

Cllr Mrs L Little and Cllr M McBride

Details of Sub-Committee and Working Group preferences collected at the meeting are given below:

Finance Sub-Committee:

Cllr R Brooks, Cllr Miss S Coul, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr M McBride, Cllr D Melvin, Cllr P Scott and Cllr M Steward.

Personnel Sub-Committee:

Cllr Mrs D Bulley, Cllr Miss S Coul, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr M McBride, Cllr Mrs M Mead, Cllr Mrs N Miah, Cllr P Scott, Cllr Mrs J Smith and Cllr M Steward.

Town Team:

Cllr M Brennan, Cllr R Brooks, Cllr R Crapper, Cllr Mrs C Delaney, Cllr N Leverton, Cllr Mrs M Mead, Cllr D Melvin and Cllr M Steward.

Events Working Group:

Cllr R Brooks, Cllr Mrs D Bulley, Cllr R Crapper, Cllr Mrs C Delaney, Cllr N Leverton, Cllr Mrs L Little, Cllr Mrs M Mead, Cllr Mrs J Smith, Cllr M Steward and Cllr Mrs C Wilson.

8 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Mr Julian Carlin said he is out and about in the town a great deal and sees what goes on. He spoke about the need for a restaurant within the town, the need to fill the empty business units on the West Oxfordshire Business Park, and the general need to improve the town for the benefit of residents. Mr David Wesson stood up and said that he agreed with these comments.

9 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr P Handley and Cllr N Owen had given their apologies for the meeting.

10 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 21st April and 5th May 2015. These were noted.

11 ANNUAL RETURN 2014/15

- a) Year End Accounts - Members APPROVED the unaudited Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31 March 2015.
- b) Annual Return - Accounting Statements 2014/15 - Members RESOLVED TO APPROVE the Accounting Statements at Section 1 of the Annual Return, which was then signed by the Mayor.
- c) Annual Governance Statement - Members RESOLVED TO APPROVE the Annual Governance Statement as detailed in Section 2 of the Annual Return, which was then signed by the Mayor.
- d) Internal Audit Report 2014/15 - Members Noted the Annual Internal Audit Report at Section 4 of the Annual Return.

12 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Council received an application for grant funding under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from the Get Stuck In holiday scheme. Members agreed that Get Stuck In was a very

popular and worthwhile holiday activity for local children and APPROVED a grant of £1,000.

13 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statement to 30 April 2015, set out at Annex A, was APPROVED. The interest rate on the WODC Account was queried and it was recommended that this investment be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee. Detailed Income & Expenditure to 30 April 2015 was also APPROVED.

14 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for Payment for May 2015, set out at Annex B, be APPROVED for payment.

Members queried the continued electricity payment in respect of Baldwin Mews and it was recommended that this matter be discussed at the next Amenities Committee. It was also suggested that the matter be taken to our two County Councillors in order to seek a resolution. In view of the payment to the Faringdon Folly, advertising was discussed and Cllr Miss Coul suggested the possibility of using the Parish Pump publication for Carterton news. Cllr Brennan suggested writing to the Witney Gazette and asking them to meet with the Mayor, and Cllr Mrs Mead said a point of contact at the Gazette would be useful. Finally, it was suggested that the Town Crier newsletter be resurrected.

Debit Card transactions, set out at Annex C, were noted.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

16 June 2015

Town Mayor