

SPECIAL
DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
24 APRIL 2018

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Carter
	Corbett	Gay	Geddes
	Giraud-Saunders	Godwin	Greenwood
	Hopkins	Johnson	Nash
	Parsons	Rose	Rowland
	Shaw	Stevens	Von Berg
	Wooldridge		

Officers: Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk
Heather Bond

Members of the Public: Nineteen

729. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Evans and S Evans.

730. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared.

731. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

732. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 15

None.

733. PROCEDURE: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO 5

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders seconded by Councillor Rose and
RESOLVED

THAT For the purposes of dealing with the remaining items on the agenda,
Standing Order No 5 (Members to stand when speaking) be
suspended.

734. REPORT FOR DECISION – BRAESIDE CLOSURE

Councillor Mayes was invited to give a background report which has led to a Cabinet decision to close Braeside Educational and Conference Centre.

The Town Council and members of the public expressed the disappointment and anger felt by the residents of the Town in the closure of this unique facility that offered the children of Wiltshire so much.

It was proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT Devizes Town Council urgently examines the future of Braeside with a view to supporting its retention as an Outdoor Education Centre and requests Wiltshire Council to further extend the deadline (21 May) to allow this Council to do so efficiently

735. REPORT FOR DECISION – ADOPTION OF ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY

It was proposed by Councillor Bridewell, seconded by Councillor Geddes and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the Town Council adopts an Investment Policy for the financial year 2018/19.

736. REPORT FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANT POSITION OF TOWN CLERK

It was proposed by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the Council accepts the Personnel Panel's recommendation that a recruitment process is commenced to appoint a new Town Clerk to the vacant position and that Councillors Bridewell and Nash joins the working party to make up an interviewing panel of 5.

Councillor Geddes advised that the working party had met and explained the couple of amendments that had been made to the contract, to bring it more up to date.

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Rose and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the Council accepts the amendments.

737. REPORT FOR DECISION – TEMPORARY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

It was proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Burton and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the Council accepts the Personnel Panel's recommendation that the current temporary deputising and acting up arrangements are continued until a new Town Clerk is appointed.

738. REPORT FOR DECISION – VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE FORMER TOWN CLERK

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Nash and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the Council agrees to a vote of thanks for the former Town Clerk to be recorded in the minutes and that also a Letter Under Seal is sent.

739. COMMON SEAL

It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Rose and agreed

THAT the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the Deputy Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where appropriate any Orders, Deeds or Documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports received and adopted at this meeting or other decisions of the Council thereat.

740. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

741. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 19 Members of the Public present.

CHAIRMAN