

DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
9th June 2022
Ceres Hall, The Corn Exchange, Devizes

Councillors: Bridewell Britten Brown
 Burton Corbett Geddes
 Giraud-Saunders Hopkins Hoult
 Oliver Ormerod Pennington
 Rose Wallis Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher –Town Clerk
 Jan Rendle – Committee Administrator
 Matt Filsell – Finance Manager

Members of the Public: Eight

69. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2022, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Gay, East, Greenwood, Hunter, Nash and Stevens.

71. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared.

72. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

73. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 15

None.

74. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The committee noted the list of meetings whose minutes have been signed, held since the last meeting of the Council.

75. PROCEDURE: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO 5

It was proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Hoult 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.

76. FOR DECISION – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Oliver and
RESOLVED

THAT the Council adopts the Annual Governance Statement for the
year ending 31st March 2022.

77. FOR DECISION – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and
RESOLVED

THAT the Council adopts the Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st March 2022.

78. FOR DECISION – SHAMBLES TWO WORKING PARTY UPDATE AND NEXT STAGES – see minute 79.

79. FOR DECISION – SHAMBLES THREE WORKING PARTY UPDATE AND NEXT STAGES

The Town Mayor, Councillor Corbett, addressed the meeting to clarify that, as Leader of the Town Council, he wished to prevent further stalling of the project and to ensure that the Council moved the project forward, with reference to the results of the recent consultation and underpinned by a robust business case. The Town Mayor explained that this would best be achieved as a series of small ‘sprints’ followed by evidence-based reflection and review.

It was proposed by Councillor Corbett, who took items 78 and 79 together, seconded by Councillor Wallis and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT officers, members of the Shambles Two Working Party and experts should work together to create three or four alternative initial strategic plans, for presentation to Full Council, which would review and decide upon the next stage.

80. FOR DECISION – ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Wallis and
RESOLVED

THAT the existing Standing Orders be adopted, with SO 91 and 92 being corrected to refer to Unitary members; and SO 100 to be amended to include “responsibility for sustainability and environmental policy”.

81. FOR INFORMATION – MAYORAL OBSERVATIONS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Corbett, gave members a brief summary of observations he had made during recent mayoral events, some of which, particularly from other Town Councils, were worthy of consideration by the Council.

82. COMMON SEAL

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

THAT the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the 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.

83. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Wooldridge queried when the updated microphone system would be installed, as he had been made aware that some members of the public struggled to hear members' discussions during Council meetings. Officers confirmed that the system had been scheduled for installation by the end of June.

84. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to address the meeting.

CHAIRMAN