

QUESTION TIME

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, Councillors will receive questions from members of the public for a period not exceeding ten minutes.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2012.

3. WRITTEN REPORTS

To receive written reports from the following: -

Member of Parliament

Wiltshire Councillors

Area Board Representatives

Representatives appointed by the Council

Copies of documents received are attached, *Appendix A*.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 25th May 2017 [RWBTC/2/17-18], and Thursday 6th July 2017 [RWBTC/3/17-18].
Copies previously circulated.

5. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

6. TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

With and without notice received under Standing Orders.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Report on meetings of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 25th May 2017 [P/1/17-18] and Thursday 15th June 2017 [P/2/17-18], copies previously circulated.

8. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Report on meetings of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 25th May 2017 [A/1/17-18] and Thursday 1st June 2017 [A/2/17-18], copies previously circulated.

9. REVENUE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report on meetings of the Revenue and Resources Committee held on Thursday 25th May 2017 [R&R/1/17-18] and Thursday 15th June 2017 [R&R/2/17-18], copies previously circulated.

10. THAMESDOWN BUSES

Following a conversation and subsequent correspondence with Alex Chutter, General Manager of Thamesdown Buses, the Mayor requested that an item be placed on the agenda to discuss the situation regarding the impact that the new R1 bus service has had upon existing services and road users. Alex Chutter was keen to attend a meeting and undertake a dialogue with Members in relation to this new bus service.

Alex Chutter will be in attendance in order to discuss any concerns with Members.

11. BASSETT COMMUNITY HUB AND LIBRARY UPDATE

Wiltshire Council informed the Town Council in September 2016 of the intention to upgrade the library facilities in Royal Wootton Bassett. The Town Council was keen to work with Wiltshire Council on the project, in order to deliver a facility which met the needs of the community and fulfilled the requirements of the Town Council.

On 6th January 2017, the Town Clerk, together with Councillors Mike Leighfield and Marion Sweet, attended a meeting with Wiltshire Council Cabinet member, John Thomson, and Laurie Bell, Wiltshire Council's Associate Director of Communities and Communications, to discuss the library project. The Town Council negotiated a partnership deal which would improve the facility, secure the long-term future of the library, and create community meeting space. Wiltshire Council had upgraded the library facilities in Calne in this manner, and were hoping to implement a similar Community Hub scheme in Royal Wootton Bassett. Outline proposals and a budget were accepted by the Town Council, and agreed by Wiltshire Council's Cabinet at that time.

At a meeting of the Revenue and Resources Committee on 15th June 2017, Councillors Mike Leighfield and Marion Sweet explained that changes had been made to the original agreement by Wiltshire Council, which raised concerns for Members. In order to discuss the changes, Councillor Mike Leighfield and the Town Clerk met with John Thomson and Laurie Bell on Wednesday 5th July 2017, and raised the concerns that had been highlighted by the Revenue and Resources Committee. John Thomson and Laurie Bell appreciated the issues

involved, and as such were keen to put forward a proposal which they hope will allay the concerns of the Town Council, and take the partnership forward. It is hoped that the proposal could result in a saving for both parties. A written report on the proposal from Laurie Bell will be circulated prior to the meeting.

John Thomson and Laurie Bell will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the proposal and answer any questions from Members.

12. EVENTS PARKING POLICY

Report from Gill Welsman-Clarke regarding Wiltshire Council's new event parking scheme, attached *Appendix B*.

Members are asked to note the report and consider the recommendations presented.

13. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS – PROPOSED CHANGES

The Mayor has advised the Town Clerk that he is unable to attend the Town Council meeting previously scheduled for Thursday 5th October 2017, and has therefore proposed that the following changes be made to the current calendar of meetings: -

Move the Revenue and Resources Committee meeting from Thursday 28th September 2017 to Thursday 14th September 2017,

Move the Full Council meeting from Thursday 5th October 2017 to Thursday 28th September 2017.

The Council's instructions are sought.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

The Council is asked whether it wishes to issue any press releases or other communications in respect of the Committee agenda items.