



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held on TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2016 in
The Almonry, High Street, Battle, at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs M Kiloh (Chairman), J Boryer, C Davies, G Favell, D Furness, M Howell, R Jessop, J Reeves and A Russell.

Cllr Kathryn Field, 1 member of the press, Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

Public Question Time – none.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Received from Cllrs J Gyngell and A Ratcliffe, and District Cllr G Curtis.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Council meeting** held on 23 February 2016. Cllr Boryer asked for clarification regarding the number of planters to be order. Cllr Kiloh confirmed 6 large planters and 20 window box size were being ordered. Cllr Boryer proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Furness and agreed unanimously. These were duly signed by Cllr Kiloh.
4. **To receive a report from the County Councillor and District Councillors**
Cllr Field confirmed that ESCC had increased the Council tax by 3.98% (including the 2% increase for Adult Social Care). The reduction in the revenue support grant had been higher than anticipated, which would continue to cause issues with the budget going forward. Cllr Field had successfully managed to persuade the leader to lobby against the possible removal of powers from local government regarding fracking in their areas.
Cllr Field reported that RDC had also increased the council tax, although it total it amounted to only around £30,000 additional income for the year. Discussions had taken place over the poor telephone answering system within RDC, and there is a new live internet chat facility about to start which it is hoped will improve matters.
5. **Correspondence and communications**
None
6. **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15 March 2016**
These were presented by Cllr Kiloh. Cllr Russell asked for sight of the new and updated policies, and the Town Clerk confirmed these were all available on the website.
7. **Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meetings held on 24 February and 9 March 2016**
These were presented by Cllr Jessop with no questions form Members.
8. **Electoral review of East Sussex County Council and Districts Consultation**
Cllr Field provided a summary of the way the boundaries had changed over previous years, and clarified the current proposal.
RESOLVED: Members agreed that the proposal represented the best solution and asked the Town Clerk to respond as such.

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9. Town Logo

Members viewed the logo which had been placed onto stationary items to provide a better idea of what it would look like. Members commented on the design, with all agreeing that the existing logo was better.

RESOLVED: Members agreed unanimously to retain the existing logo.

10. Appointment of representatives to Battle Charities

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the representatives must live in Battle to be able to be selected. Cllrs Jessop and Kiloh volunteered to be the Town Council's representatives.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to appoint Cllrs Jessop and Kiloh as the Town Council's representatives to Battle Charities.

11. Councillor attendance on website

Cllr Jessop stated the opinion that placing these details on the website would allow residents to see the work carried out by Members which goes on behind the scenes. This was agreed on by the majority of Members present.

RESOLVED: The majority of Members agreed for attendance details to be published on the website, with one abstention.

12. List of payments and receipts

RESOLVED: Payments totalling £17,580.83 and receipts totalling £24,370.42 for the period 1 to 29 February inclusive were noted by Members.

13. Reports of representatives

Cllrs Jessop and Boryer circulated written reports which are attached as separate items.

Cllr Favell reported on the Public Realm Working Group meeting she had attended with the Town Clerk, details of which had been circulated with the F & GP agenda.

Cllr Favell also reported on the Senlac Allotment meeting, stating there had been a number of positive comments about both the work and attitude of the grounds workers on the allotments.

14. Matters for information / future agenda items

Cllr Boryer asked for air quality to be discussed, as per the recent study on Newhaven detailed on Lewes District Council's website.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 19 April 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Cllr M Kiloh, Chairman