



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held on TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2016 in
The Almonry, High Street, Battle, at 7.30pm

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

Cllr Gary Curtis, Cllr Kevin Dixon, Cllr Kathryn Field, Andy Beams (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Received from Cllrs J Boryer, G Favell, P Fisher and A Ratcliffe.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Council meeting** held on 19 July 2016. Cllr Jessop proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Gyngell and agreed unanimously. These were duly signed by Cllr Furness.
4. **Correspondence and communications**
None
5. **Report of County Councillor**
Cllr Field reported that ESCC had received the results of the national exams, and while further analysis was needed, it appeared that schools in the county with 6th forms had performed in line with national averages at A level standard. GCSE's were harder to compare to previous years due to a change in the way they are now measured.
6. **Report of District Councillor**
Cllr Curtis reported that the coastal protection scheme at Fairlight Cove was about to begin at a cost of £1.8m. Following the recent tragic events at Camber Sands, RDC were working with the RNLI to provide temporary lifeguards on the beach.
7. **Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 2 August 2016**
These were presented by Cllr Kiloh with no questions from Members. Cllr Jessop noted congratulations should be given to the Deputy Town Clerk and Cllr Favell for their diligent work in finalising arrangements with Concorde 1066 for the Abbey Green.
8. **Minutes of the External Relations & Town Development Committee meeting held on 9 August 2016**
These were presented by Cllr Russell with no questions from Members.
9. **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16 August 2016**
These were presented by Cllr Jessop with no questions from Members.
10. **Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting held on 27 July 2016**
These were presented by Cllr Jessop with no questions from Members.
11. **Payment and receipt listings**
Member's noted payments (including internal transfers) totalling £69,427.21 and receipts (including internal transfers) totalling £43,666.28 for the period 1 to 31 July inclusive

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12. Bank reconciliation

The Town Clerk explained the requirement for the reconciliation to be noted by Full Council at least quarterly. Member's noted the July bank reconciliation statements for all three accounts, as verified by Cllr Favell.

13. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Jessop circulated a written report in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Furness attended a meeting of the Battle Festival. Plans for the statue are now with RDC and the funds have almost been raised.

Cllr Russell attended a meeting of Battle Museum, and advised they will be applying for a grant from the Town Council. The Museum also regularly received requests for tourist information, and this is something that should be discussed at the next ER&TD committee meeting.

Cllr Howell attended the Battle in Bloom awards evening.

Cllr Gyngell attended the awards evening, two meetings of the Battle Memorial Halls committee and a Battle Festival meeting.

14. Matters for information/future agenda items

Cllr Kiloh advised that in accordance with the recent decision to pursue Fairtrade status for the town, she was sourcing Fairtrade wine for the charity dinner on Friday.

The Town Clerk informed Members he had been contacted by the Chairman of Rother Neighbourhood Watch, who would be pleased to attend a meeting. Members agreed to invite him to attend the October meeting.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11 October

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Cllr D Furness, Chairman