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MINUTES
of the Town Development Committee
held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 7.00pm
at
Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road,
Warminster BA12 8LB

Membership:

Cllr Davis (East)	*	Cllr Macfarlane (West)	*
Cllr Jones (East) Chairman	*	Cllr Robbins (East)	AB
Cllr Keeble (West) Vice Chairman	*	Mr James Sullivan-Tailyour (Advisor)	*
Cllr Kirkwood (Broadway)	*	Mr Matt Towl (Advisor)	*
Cllr Lee (Broadway)	*	Mr Len Turner (Advisor)	*

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Tom Dommett, Town Clerk and RFO, Judith Halls, Deputy Town Clerk.

Attendees:

Unitary Councillors: None

Members of the press: None

Members of the public: One

TD/24/037 Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies for absence.

TD/24/038 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest received under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Signed.....Date.....

- TD/24/039 Minutes**
TD/24/039.1 The minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.
TD/24/039.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024.
- TD/24/040 Chairman's Announcements**
There were no chairman's announcements.
- TD/24/041 Questions**
There were no questions submitted by members before the meeting.
- Standing orders were suspended at 7:01pm to allow for public participation.***
- TD/24/042 Public Participation**
Nigel Linge spoke to agenda Item 17. Rights of way Volunteers. He noted that all councillors had received the power point presentation that he had submitted saying that pictures paint a thousand words and these clearly show all the work that had been undertaken.
Trial letters had been sent out regarding overgrown paths which had worked well. Nigel would continue to work with the Town Clerk to send out more letters where areas need work. If there were no questions from members he would not stay in the meeting. Members thanked Nigel for his work and there were no further questions.
- Standing orders were reinstated at 7:03pm following public participation.***
- TD/24/043 Reports from Unitary Authority Members**
There were no reports from unitary authority members.
- TD/24/044 CCTV**
Members noted the minutes of the CCTV Sub Committee meeting held on 25th June 2024.
- TD/24/045 Sustainable Warminster Energy Advice Cafés**
Members received a written update from Julia Tuff, chair of Sustainable Warminster, on the two events held to date which the chairman read out. Two events had been held and three further ones were planned next year. No extra funding was requested at this stage.
- Members noted the update.**
- TD/24/046 Events 2025**
Members noted the draft list of events for 2025.
- TD/24/047 Tynings Allotments**
Members noted the minutes from the meetings held on 15th August and 4th September 2024.

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TD/24/048 Wild About Wiltshire – Thornhill Road

Members considered the request but were concerned there was no evidence of public support for the proposal. They were also concerned that just decreasing cutting does not result in wildflower growth and that ongoing maintenance is needed.
Members resolved that the Wild about Wiltshire request would not be submitted.

TD/24/049 Repairs to The Obelisk

Members fully supported the repairs to the Obelisk however Councillor Keeble raised a question as to whether the Obelisk could be restored to how it appeared in old images. As this could involve obtaining further listed building consent etc and might influence the other work, the Clerk advised that the repairs were not urgent, and time could be taken to investigate this option.

Members resolved to defer the matter until more information had been provided as to whether it could be returned to its earlier condition.

TD/24/050 Wiltshire Towns' Programme

Members noted the report regarding spending on the Wiltshire Towns Programme.

TD/24/051 Warminster Business Network

A verbal update was received from Matt Towl providing positive feedback from traders and the public following the Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On event.

In the last six weeks he had been approached by eight businesses looking to come to Warminster. Often the problem they faced was getting a premises as landlords don't have to rent or sell. Warminster was one of the best performing towns in the Southwest but there is more he would like to see happen.

Members noted the update and thanked Matt and his team for all their hard work.

TD/24/052 Operational Flood Working Group South

Members noted the minutes of the Operational Flood Working Group South meetings held on 17th April 2024, 26th June 2024, and 14th August 2024.

TD/24/053 Rights of Way Volunteers

Members noted the update received from Nigel Linge on behalf of the Rights of Way Volunteers.

TD/24/054 Communications

There were no items requiring a press release.

Meeting closed at 19.24pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website www.warminster-tc.gov.uk or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025.

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