

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Banbury Town Council held on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Hussain (Town Mayor)
Councillors: Ahmed, Beere, Biegel, Bishop, Bunce, Cherry, Colegrave, Dalton, Donaldson, Garrett, Hodgson, Ilott, Kilsby, Mallon, Mears, Powell, Reeves, Richards and Strangwood.

Officers: Mark Hassall (Deputy Town Clerk/RFO)
Paul Almond (Operations Manager)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Phillips.

C.23/21 Declarations of Interest

None.

C.24/21 Minutes of the Last Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C.25/21 Communications

None.

C.26/21 Questions - Elected Members and Members of the Public

There were no questions submitted by Elected Members.

A member of the public raised concerns over anti-social behaviour being experienced in the vicinity of her local park at Thornbury Rise, which was being exacerbated by overgrown shrubbery in the area. The Leader of the Council responded to the concerns, advising that in respect of cutting back the shrubbery this had been raised with officers ahead of the meeting and would be addressed as part of the planned winter maintenance works. With regard to the anti-social behaviour being experienced officers would raise this with both Thames Valley Police and the ASB team at Cherwell District Council to make them aware of the issues and see what more could be done to alleviate them.

C.27/21 Annual Return 2020/21

The Annual Return 2020/21 was yet to be received from the External Auditors at the time the meeting took place, and as such the item was deferred.

C.28/21 Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Ilott, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 23 June, 21 July and 18 August 2021 be received.

C.29/21 General Services Committee

In relation to Minute No GS.13/21 (Parks & Open Spaces) and specifically the landscaping proposals for St Mary's Churchyard, a Member commented that it would be good to have some form of commemoration to note the original planting design work of Dame Sylvia Crowe in the newly refurbished space.

It was then proposed by Councillor Colegrave, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the General Services Committee meeting held on 31 August 2021 be received.

C.30/21 Resources Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Colegrave and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Resources Committee meetings held on 14 July and 7 September 2021 be received.

It was further **RESOLVED** that

- (1) further to Minute R.20/21 (Review of Internal Control Systems for the Financial Year 2021/22) no changes be made to the Internal Controls programme (as set out in **Appendix A** to the Resources Committee Minutes);
- (2) further to Minute R.21/21 (Review of Risk Management Policy) no changes be made to the Risk Management Policy (as set out at **Appendix B** to the Resources Committee Minutes).
- (3) that further to Minute R.22/21 (Treasury Management Policy) the Policy (as set out at **Appendix C** to the Resources Committee Minutes) be adopted.

C.31/21 Resolutions Moved on Notice - Resolution No 55 (Banbury FM)

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Ilott that:

“This Council welcomes Banbury FM’s objective to secure a licence to provide a locally run radio station dedicated to the listeners of North Oxfordshire.

More particularly, this Council supports Banbury FM’s aspiration to operate the local DAB multiplex and to secure an FM community radio licence when they become available.

This Council requests that the Leader writes to Ofcom and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to convey our support to Banbury FM for its initiative to persuade Ofcom of Banbury FM’s community-mindedness and licensing credentials to ensure that Banbury FM’s laudable aims can be realised”.

Following a discussion it was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that the motion be adopted.

The Meeting ended at 6.55pm.