

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURTON LATIMER CIVIC CENTRE ON 04 APRIL 2017

Present: ***Town Councillors: M. Jerram (Deputy Town Mayor),
M. Brereton, J. Currall, J. Davies, R. Groome, F. Macdonald,
J. Smith, S. Watts***

Police: None.

Members of the Public: 3

The Chair (i) informed those present that the meeting was being audio recorded, to be subsequently accessible on the Town Council's Website (ii) requested all present to switch their mobile phones to silent.

Cllr Jerram called for a one minute silence in memory of Burton Latimer Town Councillor Derek Zanger.

Public Forum:

J. Baynham – (i) BL Infrastructure – JB attended the recent East Kettering Forum and queried what infrastructure plan (traffic impact), particularly changes to key roundabouts, was in place – little response from KBC. JB to email further details of the meeting to the Clerk for forwarding to BLTC (ii) Church Street Traffic Survey - when will it take place?

BLTC Response:

BL Infrastructure (i) Cllr Macdonald – supports JB's comments re: no plans for key junctions; of particular concern are the roundabouts at Pytchley Road/A6 and Finedon. Cllr Macdonald added that, to his knowledge, KBC has had no meaningful liaison with NCC on this subject (ii) Cllr R. Groome stated that Cllr C. Groome has raised the issue that KBC seem to have forgotten about the key junctions e.g. Pytchley Road/Barton Road (ii) Cllr Watts commented that during the 2 years he had been on the Town Council no progress had been made on this matter and hopefully those Cllrs that can influence this will take it forward.

Church Street Traffic Survey – Cllr Macdonald – will be meeting with NCC shortly.

Cllr Smith felt unwell and left the meeting at this point

04/17/01 Apologies

Cllr Padget (holiday) – Cllr Macdonald proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

Cllr C. Groome (work commitments) – Cllr Macdonald proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

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Cllr Roche (Church commitments) – Cllr R. Groome proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Macdonald. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

04/17/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

04/17/03 Resolution: Approval of BLTC Minutes of 07 March 2017

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr Watts. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved. The Action Tracker was also updated.

04/17/04 Police Matters

No police presence. Latest BL Crime Statistics discussed, agreed that a letter be sent to Sgt. Little requesting if further details on the crimes listed (including action taken) could be provided on the monthly Crime Statistics reports.

04/17/05 Town Mayor's Report

I attended and chaired the BLTC full council on 7th March and attend the Civic Centre Management Board meeting. Unfortunately I was not able to attend the planning meeting in March (thanks to Fergus for substituting).

A large part of my time in March was spent organising my Mayoral Charity dinner at the Kushboo Wine Bar on 17th March. We had good company, good food and some excellent singing to entertain us after the food. Thank you to all those who bought tickets and gave raffle prizes. I managed to get a good cross section of people attending, including some of the local businesses. There were also representatives from the three charities that I'm raising money for and we made a profit of about £1100 on the night.

One of the charities is Guide Dogs for the Blind and our GD puppy Brandy made an appearance at the dinner. My final charity event before, I complete my mayoral year, will be a fashion show on Saturday 29th April in the John Yeomans Baptist Hall on Meeting Lane. It is the same company who did the fashion show for us last October, but this one will be held in the afternoon, starting at 3.00pm with afternoon tea and cakes, followed by the show at 4.00pm. Tickets will be £6 to include the afternoon tea and they are available from myself (telephone 0777 550 2786 or email (<mailto:nigelpadget@aol.com>)> nigelpadget@aol.com).

It was a real shock to hear the news that Cllr Derek Zanger passed away during the month. Derek was a town and borough councillor for many years and played a major role in shaping the town and representing local people when help was needed. He will be greatly missed.

Report noted.

04/17/06 Borough Council Matters of Interest Report

Reports from Cllr R. Groome and J. Smith were noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'.

04/17/07 County Council Matters of Interest Report (Cllr C. Groome)

Report noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'.

04/17/08 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

8.1 Twinning Group Report (Cllr Jerram)

Report noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'. Next meeting 19 April.

04/17/09 Policies & Priorities

9.1 Resolution: Approval of Planning Committee Minutes 23 March 2017

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr Watts. **Resolved**: that the proposal be approved.

9.2 Resolution: Approval of Civic Centre Management Board Report 13 March 2017

Cllr Watts proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr Macdonald. **Resolved**: that the proposal be approved.

Also agreed:

Electrical Work - Cllr Macdonald will provide further information (cost per item) on the electrical work required in the Civic Centre.

Disposal of Red Chairs - Cllr Macdonald proposed that the 8 no. red chairs in the CC be disposed of at a cost of £30, seconded by Cllr Watts. **Resolved**: that the proposal be approved.

Remaining Youth Group Items - Cllr Jerram to send a further email to the Youth Group' giving a further 7 days notice to remove the remaining YG furniture from the CC and advising that if that if the request is not complied with the items will be disposed of by BLTC; written confirmation that the YG has received and understood the potential consequences of failing to comply with the request is required.

9.3 Resolution: Approval of Pocket Park Management Board Report

No report submitted. Cllr Davies proposed that the cost of signs increase to £264.60 (2 more signs required – now 6 no. in total) be approved, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

9.4 BL Website Redevelopment

Cllr Macdonald stated that Warwick Hunt was making good progress; project estimated to take c. 25 weeks. The Clerk referred to the approval of WH's reports at the March BLTC meeting. Cllrs Brereton, Davies, R. Groome and Watts agreed to join 'BLOG' (Burton Latimer Online Group) and steps to be taken (Website/Facebook etc) to seek non-Councillors to join that group.

9.5 Town Councillors' Reports Submitted to BLTC

None.

9.6 Sports & Leisure Group Meeting Report 09 March 2017

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the above be approved, seconded by Cllr Watts. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved. Agreed that Guy Holloway and C. Conrad (both KBC) be invited to BLTC's June meeting to discuss a Sports & Leisure Centre for BL; Town Cllrs to email questions to be asked to Cllr R. Groome 2 weeks before the June meeting – Cllr Groome will forward these to the KBC representatives concerned.

9.7 Street Names Update

Cllr R. Groome, as a matter of urgency, to email the Clerk the Catholic and Methodist denomination Ministers to be added to the existing C of E and Baptist names. BLTC previously agreed that these names be submitted to KBC in alphabetical order as suggested street names for new developments in BL. Also agreed that a decision on other potential street names (planets, plants etc) be deferred until the 'Ministers list' has been exhausted.

9.8 Mayoral Election Procedure – Submissions Received

Town Mayor' Chair – Cllr Jerram
Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chair – Cllr Macdonald

Agreed that the BL Mayoral Election Procedure be placed on BLTC's June Agenda for review.

9.9 Automated External Defibrillator - Update

Cllr R. Groome advised that details will be emailed to Town Cllrs; cost for an AED will be in the order of £1200 (£15 p.a. maintenance cost). Agreed that this item will be placed on BLTC's June Agenda.

04/17/10 Correspondence

10.1 KBC – Street Naming – Land at Higham Road

Letter from KBC (suggesting 'Groome Street') noted. On receiving Cllr R. Groomes Catholic and Methodist names (see Item 9.7), the Clerk will inform KBC of BLTC's suggested name.

10.2 KBC – Civic Centre Business Rates

Noted.

10.3 NCC – Bridle Road Petition

Noted.

04/17/11. Highways Report (Cllr Macdonald)

Report noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'. Cllr Macdonald's proposal that a letter be sent to NCC re: signage at the at new roundabouts into BL was agreed.

In response to Cllr Watts' query re: poor state of Trent Crescent, Cllr Macdonald advised that there were a number of roads in BL in worse condition waiting to be dealt with by NCC.

In response to Cllr Davies' recent incident re: poor state of footpath in High Street (understood that repairs were to be carried out) Cllr Macdonald stated that the repairs to High Street (2 sections of footpath) are scheduled and funding has been set aside by NCC. Other locations are down to NCC's inspection regime. Cllr Davies was asked to report any areas of concern to Cllr Macdonald.

04/17/12. Urgent Matters (to be agreed by the Chair)

None.

04/17/13. Resolution: Approval of Accounts for Payment

The Clerk advised Cllrs of some changes to the list of payments set out in the Agenda. Cllr Macdonald proposed that the amended list of accounts below for payment be

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approved, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

	£
Cheque No. 102463 G.Sneddon (Clerk's salary April 2017)	992.01
Cheque No. 102464 HMRC (Tax & NI March 2017)	310.99
Cheque No. 102465 KBC (CC Business Rates 01.04.17 – 31.03.18)	2609.60
Cheque No. 102466 KBC (CC Business Rates 01.04.17 – 31.03.18)	1188.30
Cheque No. 102467 KBC (printing BLTC papers March 2017)	50.11
Cheque No. 102468 KBC (CC grounds maintenance)	43.48
Cheque No. 102469 I Partridge (CC window cleaning)	30.00
Cheque No. 102470 S. E. Gunn (Clean CC March 2017, incl. sebo bags)	140.89
Cheque No. 102471 Northants CALC (2017/18 fees, incl. Ext. Audit fee)	2427.13
(DDs TG&P Electricity £5.34, BT phone £63.48)	
<i>(Expenditure Powers LGA 1972 s.111/133/LG (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976)</i>	

04/17/14. Media Release – Press/Website/Facebook/Twitter

None.

04/17/15 Private and Confidential Items

None.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm