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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2024, 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILL STREET, KIRKHAM

ATTENDEES:

Chris Hopkinson	Councillor (Cllr.) and Chair
Neil Byers	Cllr.
James Cameron	Cllr.
Diane Ireland	Cllr.
Maggie Ledger	Cllr.
Shaun Patchett	Cllr.
Michelle Welch	Cllr.
Tony Wellings	Cllr.
Elizabeth Squires - Minutes	Town Clerk

24/12/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Stewart Jones and Peter Sutcliffe.

24/12/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest in an Agenda item. Members are reminded that in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the Council's Standing Orders, any direct or pecuniary or other interest should be declared.

No declarations were made.

24/12/03 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To accept as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12 November 2024.

Cllr. Wellings asked that the recorded vote be amended for 24/11/07 (xi).

24/12/04 MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising from the previous meeting were addressed as part of the agenda, except for:

(i) **CCTV**

Quotes for work are being obtained.

24/12/05 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) **Events Attended**

The Mayor provided an update on the Christmas Lights switch on.

(ii) **Disabled Facility Community Centre**

The Town Clerk reported that the disabled facility at the Community Centre is fully operational.

(iii) **Essential Work Barnfield**

The Town Council reported that the order for the water connection has been placed.

(iv) **Boiler Community Centre**

The boiler has now been repaired. Cllrs. discussed the problems encountered with the boiler. Cllrs. voted on a proposed way forward.

Voting: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(v) **Lighting Replacement**

The lighting replacement on Mill Street is due.

(vi) **Kirkham Grammar School Field**

The Chair provided an update on progress to address flooding issues. Further work is required to identify riparian ownership. A quote is being obtained.

(vii) **Morgan and Morecambe Wind Farm**

The Chair provided an update on Morgan and Morecambe. Cllrs. agreed that Town and Parish Councils and other key stakeholders are required to work together on this issue.

24/12/06 LPAOS

(i) **Feedback of LPAOS Issues**

Cllr. Welch provided an update on items discussed at the LPAOS meeting 5 December 2024. A proposal from Kirkham Juniors Football Club was considered and an alternative solution was raised.

ACTION: Town Clerk to liaise with Kirkham Juniors Football Club, outlining the alternative solution.

(ii) **In Bloom**

Cllr. Welch provided an update on In Bloom issues. The Town Clerk and Cllr. Welch have discussed sustainable planting in 2025/26 and the design of planting with Fylde Council.

24/12/07

PLANNING

Fylde Council planning details are added to the Kirkham Town Council meeting agenda. These continue to be forwarded to the Cllrs. when they are received by the Town Clerk.

(i) **Applications:**

Applications were presented and discussed. All the applications were proposed and seconded with no objections raised.

(ii) **Decisions:**

Decisions were noted.

Cllrs. voted on all planning applications and decisions:

Voting: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

24/12/08

FINANCES

(i) **Ratification of the Payment of Invoices**

Cllr. Byers presented the list of payments made and income received, since the 12 November 2024 meeting. The payment of invoices was ratified, proposed, and seconded. Cllrs. voted:

Voting: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ii) **Presentation of Bank Balances as on 5 December 2024**

Cllrs. noted the bank balances as on 5 December 2024.

(iii) **Digital Marketing**



Cllr. Byers outlined how digital marketing would work for the Town Council website. Cllrs. discussed the pros and cons of digital marketing. Cllr. Patchett queried how the new lampposts could be used to promote the town and businesses.

PART 2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DISCUSSION (IN-COMMITTEE)

The proposal is for:

Exclusion of Press and Public Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.

Councillors are asked to agree this action and this will be minuted.

Councillors agreed exclusion of the members of the public (no attendees), and no press were present.

Two items were discussed.

24/12/09 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 January 2025 @ 7.00 pm.

Signed



Cllr. Hopkinson, Mayor and Chair



Elizabeth Squires, Town Clerk

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