

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROVE HOUSE, HIGH STREET NORTH, DUNSTABLE

ON MONDAY 2ND JULY 2007

Present: Councillor Mrs B M Boatwright (Town Mayor); Councillor A E Green (Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors R R Anklesaria, T C Colbourne, , J Harnett, M J Hearty, Mrs S A Newton, B Ralley, P E Russell, T A Stock, Mrs A Stock and M Tilley with Mr D Ashlee (Town Clerk), Mrs M Markus (Civic Administration Officer), Mrs R G Smith (Head of Finance and Support Services) and Reverend R Andrews (Town Mayor's Chaplain)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors P J Boatwright, A J Fairbairn, Mrs J K Fairbairn, Mrs S Littlechild and M J P Mullany

At the commencement of the meeting Reverend R Andrews led the Council in prayer.

190 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st May 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

191 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared their interest in the items indicated:

Councillor Mrs S A Newton	Planning Application No. TP/2007/0532	Personal Interest
Councillor T C Colbourne	Dunstable and District Scout Council – Commemorative Plaque	Prejudicial interest

There was no discussion on those matters in which Members had declared a prejudicial interest.

192 TOWN MAYORS REMARKS

The Town Mayor reported on the events at which she had represented the Council since her election as Mayor in May, including the town's Tudor Day.

She had also been pleased to meet with a number of the youth organisations in the town and expressed her thanks to the people who open up many opportunities for the young people.

193 LIBRARY AND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Jones was pleased to share the view of recent visitors from Australia who had visited Priory House whilst in Dunstable and had been impressed with the helpfulness of the staff.

RESOLVED: that, subject to the deletion of an incorrect reference to a declaration of interest by Councillor T Colbourne in respect of Dunstable Downs, the Minutes of the meetings of Library and Promotions Committee held on 14th May and 21st May 2007 be received.

194 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings of Community Development Committee held on 21st May and 4th June 2007 be received.

195 HIGHWAYS, PARKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

a) Former Trico Site (Minute 165/2007)

The planning application for the former Trico site was to be re-considered at the meeting of Plans Sub-Committee to be held the following evening and any outstanding matters of concern would be addressed at that meeting.

b) Teen Equipment (Minute 172/2007)

Arrangements for the intended site visit to view teen equipment in situ at an appropriate location were being made and Members would be invited in due course.

c) BMX Track, Peppercorn Park (Minute 175/2007)

Councillor Mrs Jones raised concerns that the BMX track was now being used by off-road motor cyclists and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would bring this matter to the attention of the police.

d) Minutes

RESOLVED: that, subject to the foregoing and to the deletion of an incorrect reference to a declaration of interest by Councillor Mrs S A Newton in respect of a planning application, the Minutes of the meetings of Highways, Parks and Planning Committee held on 21st May and 11th June 2007 be received.

196 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that, subject to the record showing the abstention of Councillor T Stock at Minute 180, the Minutes of the meetings of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 21st May and 18th June 2007 be received.