

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,

1900hrs on Thursday 17th of October 2024.

Present: Cllrs James Hunt (Mayor), Bobbie Sunderland (Deputy Mayor), Colin Hunt, Graham Hutter, Rosemary Shakespeare, Lynne Paraskeva, and Kelly Allen.

In attendance: Joanne Bryant, Town Clerk, and Jane Wray, Deputy Town Clerk.

Apologies: Councillors Rachael Hunt, Tina Potter, Eli Akatwijuka and Simon Budd.

Public: Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Notes: The meeting began at 1900hrs. All resolutions are passed with a majority vote, by a show of hands, unless otherwise stated.

FC_2024.079 Welcome and Introductions.

The Mayor welcomed everyone present, and the emergency procedures were explained.

FC_2024.080 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.

The Mayor reminded members of the requirement to declare an interest. No interests were disclosed.

FC_2024.081 Public Participation.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Abi Cohen made representation of himself to be considered for co-option later on the agenda. Jenny Bright of Green Community Travel gave representations of the benefits a grant given by the council earlier this year had made to both Green Community Travel and members of the community. More volunteers are needed. This service helps reduce social isolation.

Taylor Wimpey representatives did not attend as planned and provided a link for all to view their plans. Their consultation remains open for feedback, which will be reviewed before submitting a planning application to South Gloucestershire Council. Feedback can be provided through a feedback form on our website, <https://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/new-homes/mangotsfield/land-at-cossham-street>, emailing to cosshamstmangotsfield@jbp.co.uk or calling at 0800 130 3270.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

FC_2024.082 Minutes.

The *Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 19th of September 2024*, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Mayor.

FC_2024.083 Outstanding items.

The Clerk provided an update on the acquisition of a vehicle for the community caretaking team, the preparation for recruiting for a new Youth Liaison Officer and appointment of an assistant clerk.

FC_2024.084 Applications for Co-option to fill casual vacancies.

Resolved: That Abi Cohen be co-opted to Emersons Green Town Council. Abi Cohen signed an Office of Acceptance form.

INTEL & CURRENT AFFAIRS

FC_2024.085 Crime Update.

The Council received a written report from Avon and Somerset Police. Parking related issues around Mangotsfield Primary School and adjacent roads have been reported, continued anti-social behaviour around Lyde Green with appropriate action being taken following identification, and reports of two stolen vehicles locally. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious behaviour or activity in the area as without reports no action can be taken.

COMMUNICATIONS

FC_2024.086 Correspondence.

The Royal Pigeon Racing Association thank the council for continued use of Rodway Common for pigeon liberations. Charges for 2025/26 to be agreed by the Finance & Partnership Committee.

Emersons Green Audio Tour comes to an end later this month. The resident who has been operating it has asked if EGTC would take over the hosting. The project and cost implications of this facility are to be discussed at the next Finance & Partnership Committee meeting.

OPERATIONS

FC_2024.087 Updates received from Committees.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Cllr Graham Hutter provided a verbal summary from the Finance & Partnership Committee, the Town Clerk provided a summary from the Personnel Committee, Cllr Colin Hunt provided a verbal summary of the work of the Planning Committee, and Cllr Bobbie Sunderland provided a summary of the work of the Open Spaces Committee.

FC_2024.088 Updates received from Working Groups.

Cllr Bobbie Sunderland provided a summary of the work of the Climate and Nature Working Group.

FC_2024.089 External bodies noted.

The Town Clerk provided an update from the Avon Local Councils Association AGM and noted that a report had been received from Creative Youth Network which will be circulated and brought forward to the next Full Council meeting.

FC_2024.090 The following Councillors appointed to Committee vacancies.

Resolved: Abi Cohen was appointed to Finance & Partnership Committee and Open Spaces Committee.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

FC_2024.091 The following new/updated documents and policies were adopted:

Resolved:

- a. Standing Orders (Revised)
- b. Publication Scheme
- c. Privacy Notice

STRATEGY

FC_2024.092 Forward Plan.

The Council noted upcoming agenda items and projects and discussed its priorities. It was also noted that the Town Council offices will be closed for business over Christmas from and including 24th, re-opening on 30th December 2024, and closed New Years Day)

FC_2024.093 Rebranding.

A draft survey for Emersons Green Town Council, copies having been circulated, was considered. Following rework this will be recirculated for comments.

DATES & TIMINGS

FC_2024.094 Next Meeting.

Cllr James Hunt (Mayor) announced that the next meeting of the Full Council is currently scheduled for:

Thursday 21st of November 2024 at 1900hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chambers.

Cllr James Hunt (Mayor) concluded the formal business of the meeting at 1950hrs and invited attendees to contribute to an informal 'roundtable' discussion afterward.