



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Present: Cllr Boulton Cllr John Morgan Cllr Roberts
Cllr Harrison Cllr Sanford Cllr Bowen
Cllr Jack Morgan

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Capps (Clerks), District Cllr Coakley(part), County Cllr Theodoulou(part), Mr. James Nicholls

- 237 18/19 Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Doherty, Hing, Foxall, Hill and Winney
- 238 18/19 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None declared
- 239 18/19 To approve the Minutes of Full Council meeting held on the 15th January 2019**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 15th January, as amended, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr Roberts -all in favour.
- 240 18/19 Clerks Report/ Chairman's Announcements**
The Clerks' report was circulated and covered information relating to:
- Cllr mailboxes
- Elections
- Recent Cllr resignation
- 241 18/19 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation subject to members of the public being present. – there is a 10-minute time limit**
It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for public participation. All in favour. No public questions were received.
- 242 18/19 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation (if applicable)**
It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting following public participation – all in favour
- 243 18/19 To receive report from District Cllrs**
Cllr Coakley reported that the Cabinet would be meeting later this week to consider the budget recommendation. There would be little report until after the 26th February.
- 244 18/19 To receive report from County Cllr Theodoulou**
Cllr Theodoulou reported as follows: -
- the County Council would be meeting tomorrow (13th Feb) to consider the budget setting. Proposal for an increase in Council tax of 4.99% (2.99% Council Tax and 2.00% Adult Care Levy).

This is the same as last year. An allocation of £425 million has been awarded, 54% of which is dedicated to the children and adult care budgets. Reserves are still held.

- There are currently 700 children in care which has increased from last year. Approx 74% of total budget is financed by Council Tax payers.
- Central Government are pushing more and more services to Local government authorities.
- Business rates: Local Government are now being allowed to keep a greater percentage of business rates received.
- Future of Local Government finances to be discussed in the near future.
- New Fire Chief has been employed.
- RAF Fairford – GCC are concerned about the overall impact on infrastructure with the increased number of personnel that will be deployed to RAF Fairford in the next 4 years.

Q: Cllr Morgan asked how the amount for the Police Precepted amount was arrived at.

A: Cllr Theodoulou explained that the amount was decided by the Police authority. GCC have no control over this.

Q: Cllr Harrison asked why there appears to be no improvement in the quality of policing even though the precept has increased year on year.

A: Cllr Theodoulou and Cllr Coakley suggested that this was a question that should be directed to Martin Surl directly.

Cllrs Coakley and Theodoulou left the meeting.

245 18/19 To receive Police report

The Police report was circulated at the meeting.

246 18/19 To receive other report/s from meetings/events attended

- RAF Fairford – Councillors attended a briefing recently and reported as follows: -Planning has already started for the relocation of the RC-135 mission to RAF Fairford from RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk.

The RC-135 aircraft will use RAF Fairford as a Forward Operating Location and around 887 US military personnel and 1,240 family members are expected to begin relocating to Fairford in 2023. The number of the personnel on base is expected to be similar to the number of American personnel at Fairford in the late 1980s.

The RC-135V/W Rivet Joint reconnaissance aircraft is an extensively modified Boeing 707 with interior seating for more than 30 people including the cockpit crew, electronic warfare officers, intelligence operations and in-flight maintenance technicians. Initially employed by Strategic Air Command, the RC-135 fleet has participated in every sizable armed conflict involving US assets during its tenure. More recently, RC-135s have supported Operation Allied Force in Kosovo and Operation Odyssey Dawn/Unified Protector in Libya.

In order to get RAF Fairford ready for the deployment of aircraft and personnel, it is expected that there will be several operational support functions required such as:

Building a facility for squadron operations

Re-activating the commissary and base exchange (retail food stores)

Improving the surface of runway overruns

Renovating the current housing on base

Possibly building a new school and medical clinic

It is expected that around 10% of the US personnel will be housed on base along with young single airmen. Other personnel will live off base in the community or outside the area. There will be schooling provision for children on base whilst other students may enrol in independent schools in and around the local area.

Planners for the USAF deployment have studied the impact of the move on communities in the area and believe that it will help to improve the local economy and provide additional employment. The US Air Force is committed to building strong relationships with their British hosts and wishes to see themselves as good neighbours and part of the community.

For more information about the upcoming deployment at RAF Fairford, please contact the Community Relations Adviser, Jenny Collyer at RAF Fairford: 01285 714965, jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil or the 501st Combat Support Wing Public Affairs office: 01480 843857, 501csw.pa@us.af.mil.

- FCC Trustees Meeting (5/2/19)– Attended by Cllrs Sanford and Bowen. Cllr Sanford reported as follows:-
- Currently running in profit
- No outstanding debts
- Budget OK
- 5 year electrical survey completed
- Leaks attended to
- Outside trellis has been installed
- Rear lift is being repaired, although this has been delayed.
- Fire doors to be cleaned and checked
- New chairs ordered (50). Some of the better old chairs will be kept.
- Quotes have been received for acoustic panels in the Farmor room
- An inventory of equipment in the Centre to be carried out
- A jumble sale for the Cotswold Cats & Dogs Charity will be held in the Centre.
- Internal CCTV is being considered
- The carpet in the Farmor room is to be cleaned in April.

247 18/19 **To consider correspondence received (for information only e-mailed)**

Correspondence was received with no comment.

248 18/19 **To consider and agree any responses to correspondence received for reply**

None received.

FINANCE

249 18/19 **To receive the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 5th February 2019 (Draft)**

The Minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 5th February were received with no comment.

250 18/19 **To receive report from Chair of Finance**

None received in the absence of the Chair of Finance

251 18/19 To approve, retrospectively, payments to end of January 2019 Total £13184.29 (Cllrs page of website)
It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments to the end of January 2019. Proposed Cllr Bowen, seconded Cllr John Morgan – all in favour.

252 18/19 To receive income and expenditure figures to end of January
The end of January figures were received with no comment.

PLANNING

253 18/19 To receive the Minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 22nd January and 5th February 2019 (Draft)
The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 22nd January and 5th February were received with no comment.

254 18/19 To receive report from Chair of Planning
Cllr Harrison reported that there was little else to say that was not already contained in the Minutes of the last Planning meeting.

255 18/19 To receive an update on the NDP
Cllr Harrison reported as follows:-
- Aecom report received
- Report requires further editing and these will be done and returned to Aecom.
- Preliminary draft of policies to be sent to CDC before submission is finally sent.
- Public consultation possibly 14th March.

WORKS & COMMUNITY

256 18/19 To receive the Minutes of the Works & Community Committee meeting held on the 29th January 2019 (Draft)
The Minutes of the Works & Community Committee meeting were received with no comment.

257 18/19 To receive report from Chair of Works & Community meeting
Cllr Boulton reported as follows:-
- Spring Clean – FTC will be participating in this year's Spring Clean which will take place on the 6th April 2019.
- Walkers Crisps initiative to collect crisp packets – FTC has agreed to provide a receptacle where crisp packets can be deposited.

OTHER MATTERS

258 18/19 To consider and agree date for Annual Town Meeting to take place sometime between March and June.
Following debate it was **RESOLVED** to hold the Annual Town Meeting in April. Date to be confirmed.

ACTION: Clerk to establish availability of room at either the Community Centre or with the Palmer Hall.
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259 18/19 Anything the Chair considers urgent
Nothing of note.

260 18/19 To consider and agree “Letter of understanding” between FCC & FTC regarding staffing responsibilities, as amended – e-mailed.
An agreement has been put in place, which has been agreed by both FCC Trustees and the Management Committee, whereby FTC will manage the staffing of the Community Centre excluding outside contractors.
Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to agree the Letter of

understanding between FTC and FCC. Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr Bowen – all in favour.

261 18/19 Date of next meeting – 12th March 2019

262 18/19 To consider information contained in e-mail from J. Read.
Following a discussion, it was agreed to invite Mr. Read to the next meeting of the Town Council to better explain the contents of his communication, regarding volunteering.

ACTION: Clerk to contact John Read

IN CAMERA ITEMS:

263 18/19 To consider and agree, retrospectively, decision regarding issues relating to unilateral undertaking.
The Clerk explained that Cllr Foxall’s recommendation to accept the latest offer from KEE(Pickstock Group) for £160k payable over 15 months, with the understanding that the first payment should be made forthwith, should be accepted, has been relayed to the solicitor. The Clerk has spoken at length with the solicitor who advises that this would be the best option. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the latest offer £160k payable over 15 months, with the first payment being made immediately. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Sanford – 6 in favour, 1 abstention

264 18/19 Progress report regarding previous rental of upstairs office.
The Clerk reported the the small claim process for retrieval of money owing to the council (£600.60) for unpaid rent for the upstairs office has been commenced. An extension has been given to the debtor by the Small Claims Court. We await further details.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm

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