

Minutes of the Council held on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019** at **The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS.**

Present:

- Cllr Jason Slaymaker – Chairman
- Cllr Nick Cotter
- Cllr Sean Gaul
- Cllr Dan Hallett
- Cllr Harry Knight
- Cllr Nick Mawer
- Cllr Zoe McLernon
- Cllr Robert Nixon
- Cllr Lynn Pratt
- Cllr Dan Sames
- Cllr Alex Thrupp
- Cllr Fraser Webster

In Attendance:

- Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
- Julie Trinder – Administration Officer

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171/1920	1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Richard Mould and Cllr Les Sibley.</p>
172/1920	2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest were received.</p>
173/1920	3	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Two residents spoke regarding the agenda item on Climate Emergency.</p>
174/1920	4	<p>MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the following minutes of the Town Council Committee meetings:</p> <p>BTC03/1920 – 22 June 2019 SPECIAL BTC01/1920 – 5 August 2019</p>
175/1920	5	<p>MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the following minutes and resolutions of the Environment Committee Meeting:</p> <p>ENV02/1920 - 5 August 2019</p>

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176/1920	6	<p>MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the following minutes and resolutions of the Finance Committee meeting:</p> <p>FIN02/1920 - 2 July 2019</p>
177/1920	7	<p>MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the following minutes and resolutions of the Planning Committee meetings:</p> <p>PL03/1920 - 15 July 2019 PL04/1920 - 12 August 2019</p>
178/1920	8	<p>MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the following minutes and resolutions of the Policy Committee meeting:</p> <p>POL02/1920 - 8 July 2019</p>
179/1920	9	<p>QUESTIONS ON WORKING PARTIES & OTHER GROUPS</p> <p>No questions were raised.</p>
180/1920	10	<p>REPORT FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY/CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Cllr Lynn Pratt reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherwell District Council had opened 11 homes for joint ownership built to passive build. • A new community centre called The Hill opened in Banbury. • Business centre in Bicester on the Elmsbrook Estate opening at the end of the month. Manager has been appointed. <p>Cllr Dan Sames reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Oxfordshire County Council next week councillors continue to discuss continued traffic issues in particular the Kingsmere junction.
181/1920	11	<p>REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Mayor's report was NOTED.</p>

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182/1920	12	<p>BLUE PLAQUE APPRAISAL PANEL</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council AGREED to recommend appointing three councillors as members of the Blue Plaque Appraisal Panel:</p> <p>Cllr Richard Mould Cllr Dan Sames Cllr Alex Thrupp Cllr Lynn Pratt</p>
183/1920	13	<p>YOUTH COUNCIL/FORUM</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council AGREED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In principle to set up a democratic youth body for young people in Bicester 2. To set up a Youth Working Group to undertake a more detailed work in order to bring back a further report detailing the specifics surrounding the set up and operation of a Democratic Youth Body. 3. Proposed members of Youth Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jason Slaymaker (Chairman) • Cllr Zoe McLernon (Vice Chair) • Cllr Sean Gaul • Cllr Alex Thrupp • Cllr Fraser Webster • Cllr Robert Nixon • Cllr James Metcalf
184/1920	14	<p>CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council AGREED to facilitate the reduction of carbon emissions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declare a Climate Emergency and work to becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030, to include scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions 2. Task the Policy Committee to identify means and opportunities to reduce and eliminate carbon emissions. 3. Task the Policy Committee to investigate the creation of Create a grant pot to encourage and enable carbon reduction schemes within Bicester for the year 2020-21. The primary criterion for applications should be CO2 savings per pound spent. 4. Where possible, include environmental implications of recommendations in officer reports alongside legal, financial and equality implications. These will include the impact of recommendations on CO2 emissions as well as any other environmental factors.

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185/1920	15	<p>5. Call on Central Government, Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council to provide powers and/or resources to help achieve carbon neutrality.</p> <p>6. Endorse the cross-party position taken by other bodies including the LGA and NALC to call on HMG to explore supporting domestic implementation of Sustainable Development Goals through funded partnership roles within each local authority area;</p> <p>7. Seek ways to facilitate and encourage our community in reducing direct and indirect CO2 emissions and to become resilient to changes caused by changing climate. We will take active steps where possible to encourage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. More sustainable transport. b. Reductions in energy use in homes, businesses and elsewhere. c. Co-operation with organisations seeking to develop low carbon and community led affordable housing in Bicester. d. Use and development of renewable energy sources. e. Production, sale and consumption of locally sourced food. f. Any other methods of achieving the aims above. <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER – 7PM</p> <p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 8.00PM.</p>