

BICESTER TOWN COUNCIL



MEETING OF BICESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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**Tuesday 3rd September 2019
at
7.00pm**

**THE GARTH
LAUNTON ROAD
BICESTER
OX26 6PS**

Circulation:

Town Mayor: Councillor Jason Slaymaker

Members

**Cllr Nick Cotter
Cllr Sean Gaul
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Nick Mawer
Cllr Zoe McLernon
Cllr James Metcalf
Cllr Richard Mould
Cllr Robert Nixon
Cllr Lynn Pratt
Cllr Dan Sames
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Jason Slaymaker
Cllr Alex Thrupp
Cllr Fraser Webster**

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Wednesday 28th August 2019

Sir/Madam

All members of Bicester Town Council are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** to commence at **7.00 pm** for the transaction of the following business.

Samantha Shippen
Chief Officer

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

Copy Attached	Agenda item No	AGENDA
✓	1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillors are reminded to declare any interests on any item on this agenda in accordance with Bicester Town Council's Code of Conduct.
	3	PUBLIC SESSION In accordance with Standing Orders 1 d-f, members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Time allocated shall not exceed 10 minutes. No member of the public shall speak for more than 2 minutes.
	4	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS To confirm the minutes and RESOLUTIONS contained in the minutes of the following Town Council meetings: BTC03/1920 – 22 June 2019 SPECIAL BTC01/1920 - 5 August 2019

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✓	5	MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING To confirm the minutes and RESOLUTIONS contained in the minutes of the following Environment Committee meeting: ENV02/1920 – 5 August 2019
✓	6	MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING To confirm the minutes and RESOLUTIONS contained in the minutes of the following Finance Committee meeting: FIN02/1920 – 2 July 2019
✓	7	MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING To confirm the minutes and RESOLUTIONS contained in the minutes of the following Planning Committee meeting: PL03/1920 - 15 July 2019 PL04/1920 - 12 August 2019
✓	8	MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS To confirm the minutes and RESOLUTIONS contained in the minutes of the following Policy Committee meetings: POL02/1920 – 8 July 2019
✓	9	QUESTIONS ON WORKING PARTIES & OTHER GROUPS Members are asked to raise any questions they may have regarding the minutes of Working Parties and Other Groups contained in the Minute Book.
	10	REPORT FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY/ CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS A report may be delivered to Bicester Town Council from Oxfordshire County and Cherwell District Councillors.
✓	11	REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR Council is asked to note the report of the Town Mayor.
✓	12	BLUE PLAQUE APPRAISAL PANEL Council is requested to consider the attached report.

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✓	13	YOUTH COUNCIL/FORUM Council is requested to consider the attached proposal from Councillors Zoe McLernon and Jason Slaymaker.
✓	14	CLIMATE EMERGENCY Council is requested to consider the attached proposal from Councillor Robert Nixon.
	15	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 7PM

Mayors Report - 18th June 2019 - 28th August 2019

The Mayor attended the following functions:

JUNE

- 18 SERFCFA, Aylesbury Army Reserve Camp
- 19 NAPE Oxfordshire - Festival of Voices 2019, St Edburg's church
- 19 DEMS Opening of memorial garden
- 23 Super Scramble, Bicester Heritage
- 24 Flag raising ceremony, Chair of Oxfordshire County Council
- 25 Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, An evening at Dorchester Abbey
- 28 Bicester Town Council flag raisin
- 28 Langford View national care open day
- 29 Bicester Carnival
- 29 RAF Croughton Independent Day Celebrations

JULY

- 7 Freedom of Entry for DEMS Regiment
- 9 Bicester Air Cadets annual formal inspection and open evening
- 10 Hawkins Family Law official opening of Stratton Audley office
- 12-15 France Bastille celebrations
- 19 A Level and GCSE Art & Textiles exhibition, Cooper School
- 19 Oxfordshire County Council Chairman's Golf Day, Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa
- 23 Bubbles pre-school AGM
- 27 Akeman Clinic official opening
- 27 Weyland Hall open day

AUGUST

- 7 Bicester Activity Day
- 10 Soul Event at the Garth
- 18 Porche car show
- 24 Sledgehammer 80's at the Garth

The Deputy Mayor attended the following functions:

JULY

- 13 Oxfordshire Scouts AGM
- 14 People's Park Centenary procession, Banbury

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Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Blue Plaque Appraisal Panel

Mayor: Councillor Jason Slaymaker
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Ward Affected: All

1. Background

- 1.1 The Policy Committee held 8th July 2019, agreed a Blue Plaque Policy which requires the establishment of an Appraisal Panel.
- 1.2 It was agreed that the panel would consist of three councillors and two members of Bicester history/heritage organisations..
- 1.3 Council is requested to appoint the three councillors to the panel.

2. Recommendation

The Council is recommended to appoint three councilors as members of the Blue Plaque Appraisal Panel.

Proposal

Cllrs Zoe McLernon and Jason Slaymaker propose a motion

That Bicester Town Council agrees

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 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.

Proposed members of Youth Working Group (subject to their agreement):

1. Jason Slaymaker (Chairman) – former YC member
2. Zoe McLernon (Vice Chair) – former YC member
3. Sean Gaul
4. Alex Thrupp
5. Fraser Webster – former YC member
6. Robert Nixon
7. James Metcalf

Background

Bicester Youth Council will be a forum that represents the views of young people at a local level. Run by young people, for young people, they give a voice to youth, enabling them to make their views heard and take part in the decision-making process.

A Bicester Youth Council would give young people the chance to discuss relevant issues, engage with all tiers of Government, and contribute to improving the lives of young people in the town.

There are currently over 620 youth council's active across the UK, working with all levels of local Government.

This would not be the first youth council (YC) Bicester has seen and it would be a good opportunity to revive it.

Age range: 11-18 (in order to join the Youth Council in an 18th year, members must be under 18 prior to 1 September in any year)

Members: Live or educated in Bicester

Each year, the YC representatives will internally elect a young mayor and young deputy mayor.

The 'Youth Working Group' could meet before/after existing Town Council Committee meetings/Full Council to discuss the work of the YC, events, support, budget proposals and staffing. They would also act as 'mentors' for YC members.

Activities:

Ultimately led by the Youth Council but important to have key events/opportunities throughout the year.

For example:

- Annual trip to Parliament
- 'Young Mayor Making'
- Fundraising
- Town Council events (Carnival, Christmas Lights, Mayor Making etc.)

Bicester Town Council – Climate Emergency Resolution

To facilitate the reduction of carbon emissions, this council resolves to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency and commit to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2030, to include scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions [2]. Create a carbon audit and roadmap for achieving this aim by the end of March 2020.
2. Create a grant pot to encourage and enable carbon-reduction schemes within Bicester. The primary criterion for applications to the fund should be CO₂ savings per pound spent. This pot will be £10k for the 2020–21 financial year.
3. 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 relevant environmental factors.
4. Call on Westminster, Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council to provide powers and resources to help achieve the 2030 target.
5. Seek ways to facilitate and encourage our community in reducing direct and indirect CO₂ emissions and to become resilient to changes caused by the changing climate. We will take active steps where possible to encourage:
 1. More sustainable transport.
 2. Reductions in energy use in homes, businesses and elsewhere.
 3. Co-operation with organisations seeking to develop low carbon and community-led affordable housing in Bicester.
 4. Use and development of renewable energy sources.
 5. Production, sale and consumption of locally sourced food.
 6. Reduction in consumption of animal products.
 7. Any other methods of achieving the aims above.

Background

– from Cllr Robert Nixon

IPCC report and context

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a special report in October 2018 on the subject of 'Global Warming of 1.5°C [1]. The report is an international effort to summarise the current scientific consensus on how society might limit global warming to 1.5 degrees, as well as the likely consequences of this and greater levels of warming. The report states that:

- Human activity has already caused 1°C of warming to the earth.
- To limit warming to 1.5°C it will be necessary to halve global carbon emissions by 2030 and to achieve near-zero net emissions by 2050.
- The consequences of 2°C warming are significantly worse than 1.5°C warming across all areas considered in the report.

At present, humanity is falling far short of the action necessary to limit warming to even 2°C. The likely global failure to achieve this target would result in increasingly severe consequences including very large scale water and food shortages, widespread flooding, heat related morbidity and large scale destruction of the natural world. These would result in substantial political and economic instability. The magnitude of the

changes is difficult to quantify exactly, but the likely results are grave, both internationally and more locally. These changes are already in progress, and are likely to severely affect all of society before the end of the century.

Our place in reducing CO₂ emissions

Bicester Town Council acknowledges the urgent need for global society to reduce carbon emissions. We recognise the part which we have to play and commit to taking an active role in achieving this, by:

- Pro—actively reducing our CO₂ emissions as an organisation.
- Seeking to encourage and enable our community to decrease their emissions and improve their resilience to climate change
- Seeking to influence the policies of other organisations to encourage them to reduce their emissions.
- The council acknowledges that 'business as usual' is not an option in the face of the climate emergency, and that society in its current form is unsustainable. Therefore, to meet our obligations below, we may need to strategically reassess and adjust the scope of our current activities.
- This council also notes that Cherwell District Council recently declared a Climate Emergency and that this council should be taking action to support the implementation of that declaration.

References and notes

1. www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/
2. www.carbontrust.com/resources/faqs/services/scope-3-indirect-carbon-emissions/