



23 November 2021

To: The Town Mayor and all Members of Leighton-Linslade Town Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Leighton-Linslade Town Council to be held on **Monday, 29 November 2021** commencing at **7.30 pm** in the Astral Park Sports & Community Centre, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY..

M Saccoccio
Town Clerk

Prayers will be said by Rev'd Steve Marsh at 7:20pm

AGENDA

Please do not attend this meeting if:

- You, anyone you live with or anyone in your support bubble has tested positive for Covid-19 or has symptoms of Covid-19.
- You have been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, the NHS pp or for any other reason.
- You are within the required quarantine period having returned to the UK from a non-exempt country.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the Members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the Member's Register of Interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.

- (ii) Should any Member have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in an item on the agenda, the Member may not participate in consideration of that item unless a Dispensation has first been requested (in writing) and granted by the Council (see Dispensation Procedure).

3. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. LEADERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

To receive questions and statements from members of the public as provided for in Standing Order Nos.3 (e) (f) (g) and (h).

Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting but are asked to note that attendance numbers must be limited to mitigate for Covid-19 risks. Please contact us to advise if you wish to attend before 4pm on the day of the meeting. Written representations may also be submitted before 4pm on the day of the meeting.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Council may consider it appropriate to consider the following resolution should they consider that any discussion would be prejudicial to the public interests: **that, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. The public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of detailed discussion regarding: land at Vandyke Road.**

7. LAND AT VANDYKE ROAD (Pages 1 - 18)

- (a) **By invitation, Gurminder Singh of Central Bedfordshire Council will attend the meeting to give a presentation in respect of land at Vandyke Road.**
- (b) **To determine next steps in respect of the above.**

Upon completion of this item, Council to move re-admittance of press and public

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 19 - 28)

- (a) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 September 2021 (**attached**) in accordance with Standing Order 12.
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(b) To receive information updates on matters arising from the previous meetings (if appropriate).

9. APPROVED DECISIONS (Pages 29 - 30)

To receive and formally note the decisions taken since the previous meeting by delegation to the Town Clerk with email approval from a majority of Council members in accordance with Standing Order 15 (c) (vii) **(attached)**

10. END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2020-2021 (Pages 31 - 38)

(a) To receive a report from the Auditor, including issues arising, and produce an appropriate action plan (where applicable) (attached)

(b) To approve and accept the Auditor's Certificate and Opinion on the Annual Return.

11. MEMORIAL BENCH

To receive and consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor P Carberry and seconded by Councillor S Jones:

"Members of Leighton Linslade Town Council wish to establish a memorial bench in recognition of Wally Randall. The bench shall be of a design that is World War II themed and it is proposed will be located at the top end of Parson's Close Recreation Ground overlooking the park. The bench shall have attached a plaque identifying it as a commemorative bench from Leighton-Linslade Town Council in recognition of Wally Randall, the United Kingdom's oldest poppy seller".

12. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN: PARSON'S CLOSE RECREATION GROUND

To consider revising the original resolution made in respect of seeking Public Works loan approval for the refurbishment of Parson's Close Recreation Ground to read as follows, to ensure criteria are met for consideration of the loan application:

"At the Leighton-Linslade Town Council Full Council meeting of 29th November 2021, it was RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £300,000 over the borrowing term of over 9 ½ not over 10 years, for the delivery of an inclusive adventure playground for Parson's Close Recreation Ground. The annual loan repayments will come to around £34,920.00. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayment".

13. UPDATE PRESENTATION

To receive a verbal presentation from the Town Clerk and senior officers in

respect of Town Council services, activities, finance and resources

14. PARTNERSHIP PROJECT LIST (Pages 39 - 66)

- (a) To receive a report in respect of the review of the Partnership Project list (**attached**, with the current list at **Appendix A**).
- (b) To receive and consider two Motions in respect of the review of the Partnership Project List:
 - 1. Proposed by Councillor C Palmer and seconded by Councillor S Jones, changes to the Partnership Project List as set out in the **attached Appendix B**.
 - 2. Proposed by Councillor S Owen and seconded by Councillor R Goodchild: That this Council resolves to adopt the revised Partnership Project List as per **Appendix C attached** and requests the Town Clerk to bring papers to each of the Council's Committees with "their" Objectives for further discussion.

15. TOWN COUNCIL FIVE YEAR PLAN & OBJECTIVES 2019-2024 (Pages 67 - 76)

To receive and consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor S Owen and seconded by Councillor R Goodchild: That this Council resolves to adopt the revised Five-Year Plan Objectives as **attached** and requests the Town Clerk to bring papers to each of the Council's Committees with "their" Objectives for further discussion.

16. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive questions from Councillors as provided for in Standing Order No.27, provided three clear days' notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed.

17. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

To consider any changes in appointments to committees in accordance with Standing Order 5 (l) (xiii).

18. APPOINTMENTS TO/REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

To consider any changes in appointments to or reports from outside bodies in accordance with Standing Order 5 (l) (xiv).
