



29 September 2022

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, 10 October 2022** commencing at **7.30 pm** in the Astral Park Sports and Community Centre, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY..

Mark Saccoccio

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Town Clerk

Prayers will be said before the meeting by Rev. S. Marsh and one minute's silence will be observed to pay respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II following her death on 8 September 2022

AGENDA

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 3 (h) **(15 minutes in total; 3 minutes per person)**.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 8)

- (a) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 June 2022 **(attached)** in accordance with Standing Order 12.
- (b) To receive information updates on matters arising from the previous meetings (if appropriate).

7. DELEGATED DECISIONS (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive and note any delegated decisions made on behalf of the Council since the meeting held 27 June 2022.

8. END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS & EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2021-2022 (Pages 11 - 18)

- (c) To receive a report from the Auditor, including issues arising, and produce an appropriate action plan (where applicable)
- (d) To approve and accept the Auditor's Certificate and Opinion on the Annual Return.

9. LINSLADE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS AND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE CAR PARK (Pages 19 - 32)

To receive a report regarding car park management and potential installation of Electric Vehicle charging points at the car park for Linslade Memorial Playing Fields and Garden of Remembrance **(attached)**.

10. REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN COUNCIL ARMS (Pages 33 - 34)

To consider a request by the Leighton-Linslade Carnival Committee for use of the Town Council Arms in publicity material for the 2023 Carnival (report **attached**).

11. COST OF LIVING CRISIS (Pages 35 - 40)

To consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor S Owen: **To consider how the Town Council could best make a grant or grants totalling up to**

£1,000 per month over the next ten months to local charitable/not for profit organisations which are providing food and other emergency aid to local people in need (information attached).

12. POLICING IN LEIGHTON-LINSLADE

To consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor S Owen: **“That this Council, noting**

- a) **The considerable current public concern at various aspects of criminal behaviour and vandalism, including the recent damage to the Market Cross, one of the oldest structures in Leighton Buzzard**
- b) **the absence of update to the Leader of the Council’s announcement at the 27 June Town Council meeting that Andrew Selous MP was meeting the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner to press for a 24/7 Police presence in the town**
- c) **the announced opening of a Police contact point on 30 September in the Bossard House (size, function, staffing, and opening hours awaited at the time this Motion was submitted).**

requests the Town Clerk to

- 1. Contact the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner and also Andrew Selous MP seeking an immediate increase in Police staffing in the town.**
- 2. Ensure that the October meeting of Community Safety sub-committee receives full updates on the requests for action from the 11 July meeting**
- 3. Bring a report to Policy & Finance Committee on 14 November on the options available to the Town Council for taking civil action against those responsible for vandalism and criminal damage (including graffiti) against adults, juveniles, and those adults responsible for juveniles”.**

13. COMMITTEE MINUTES & DELEGATED DECISIONS (Pages 41 - 84)

- (ii) To receive and note the minutes of Committee meetings held between 28 June – 30 September 2022 as specified below **(attached)** and to receive any delegated decisions made on behalf of committees in the same period.
 - (iii) To consider the recommendations contained in committee minutes
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which have not already been resolved, as specified below.

- (iv) To receive any relevant verbal updates from officers or Committee Chairs and any councillor comments or questions relating to the below minutes (***Standing Order 5(l)(x) allows 15 minutes in total and 2 minutes per question/comment.***)

Minutes

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| a) Planning & Transport Committee | 20 July 2022 |
| b) Policy & Finance Committee | 25 July 2022 |
| Recommendation 365/PF | |
| c) Planning & Transport Committee | 10 August 2022 |
| d) Grounds & Environmental Committee | 5 September 2022 |
| Recommendations at 200/GE and 203/GE | |
| e) Policy & Finance Committee | 26 September 2022 (to follow) |

Delegated decisions

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| f) Cultural & Economic Committee | 12 September 2022 |
| g) Planning & Transport Committee | 21 September 2022 |

14. FUTURE OF THE HIGH STREET (Pages 85 - 88)

To receive a report following a recent informal meeting with the Portfolio Holder for Highways at Central Bedfordshire Council and to consider the recommendations contained therein.

15. QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive questions to the Town Mayor or requests to make statements from Councillors as provided for in Standing Order No.27, provided three clear days' notice of the question has been given. (***questions/statements should not exceed 3 minutes***)

16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

17. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

18. 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: Cemetery Fees and Resident Definition**

19. CEMETERY FEES AND RESIDENT DEFINITION (TO FOLLOW)
