

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Asset Management and Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021

PRESENT: Councillor C Goodhind (Chair)
Councillor C Forgacs (Vice-Chair)
Councillor G Cooke
Councillor J Crundell
Councillor S Crundell
Councillor C Houghton
Councillor L Lewis
Councillor J Oatley

OFFICERS:	Linda Roberts	Town Clerk
	Patsy Clover	Acting Deputy Town Clerk
	Hugh Davies	Amenities Manager

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public or press were present.

82/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Price.

83/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

84/21 Minutes

The minutes of 11 October 2021, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Goodhind.

85/21 Market Place Toilets

85/21.1 Market Place Toilets Survey

It was noted that the results of the survey were considered at the meeting held on 13 October (item 45/21).

86/21 Notes of Market Place Toilets meeting held on 13 October 2021

Members discussed use of the toilets in the evenings. It was noted that exact usage could not be determined but that Melksham Without Parish Council, with whom the costs were shared, had requested late opening for Bowerhill residents and bus drivers.

It was confirmed by the Amenities Manager that electronic locks would be used to close the doors of the toilets at the designated times and that the lock on the disabled toilet could be overridden by use of a radar key. Appropriate signage would be put in place directing users to the disabled toilets after hours. It was also noted that suitable CCTV coverage was already in place.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor Houghton and

RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:

1. To identify a new cleaning regime, with the addition of the jet wash wand for daily cleaning.
2. To close the toilets on the following basis:
 - To close the Gents & Ladies toilets at 7pm and reopen at 6am after clean.
 - To close the Disabled toilet at 12.15am (just past midnight) on Sunday to Wednesday and reopen at 6am after clean.
 - To close the Disabled toilet at 2.15am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and reopen at 6am after clean.
3. To provide improved signage on all the toilets, with details of the opening hours, and signage with support for homeless and users with a drug problem.
4. Future plans/enhancements to include reinstating the use of the CCTV camera, drug use presentation measures such as blue lights to deter intravenous drug use and improved lighting overall, both inside the toilets and outside to help residents to feel safe; the emergency lighting also needed fixing.
5. To communicate to residents the revised opening times and some of the plans for enhancements, via a press release, social media etc.
6. For the recent rates rebate of £2,620.50 to be retained as a joint pot of funding for the two councils to use for the planned capital enhancements.
7. The ultimate goal of entering the public toilets at the Market Place into the “golden loo” national award scheme.

87/21 Written Motion from Councillor

It was proposed by Councillor S Crundell , seconded by Councillor J Crundell and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to investigate the use of the Roundhouse as a deposit box/ Amazon point/ MyHermes point per Councillor Alford’s motion.

88/21 Shurnhold Fields

Members noted that tree works in Shurnhold Fields, necessitated as a result of Storm Arwen, had been carried out.

Meeting Closed at: 7.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: