

MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on Monday, 24 September 2018 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Shepton Mallet commencing at 6.30 pm.

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT: Bryan Beha, Eve Berry, Adam Boyden, Peter Bradshaw, John Brunsdon MBE, Carole Bullen, John Coles, Shane Collins, Nick Cottle, Edward Drewe, John Greenhalgh, Philip Ham, Des Harris, Bente Height, Steve Henderson, Alvin Horsfall, Claire Hudson, Lloyd Hughes, Tom Killen, Roy Mackenzie, Jeannette Marsh, Clive Mockford, Terry Napper, John North, Linda Oliver, John Osman, John Parham, Mike Pullin, Tim Rice, Adam Sen, Harvey Siggs, Dick Skidmore, Helen Sprawson-White, Nigel Taylor, Alan Townsend, Nigel Woolcombe-Adams, Ros Wyke

OFFICERS

PRESENT: Tracy Aarons	Deputy Chief Executive
Stuart Brown	Chief Executive
David Clark	Group Manager Law and Governance
Paul Deal	Section 151 Officer
Alex Kershaw-Moore	Senior Corporate Lawyer
Jason Kirkwood	Principal Licensing Officer
Steven Lake	Elections Manager
Beth Price	Strategic Marketing and Media Manager
Claire Malcolmson	Group Manager Community Health Services
Ben Sugg	Committee Officer
Laura Thomas	Marketing and Media Officer

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Actioned by
1	<p>Opening comments</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Evacuation Procedures, Induction Loop and Turning Off Mobile Phones</p> <p>The Chairman explained the evacuation procedures and informed everyone on the use of the induction loop. He requested that mobile phones be switched to silent.</p> <p>Councillor Coles was invited to offer an opening prayer.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors John Carter, Rachel Carter, Simon Davies, Stina Falle, Nigel Hewitt-Cooper, Damon Hooton, Graham Noel and David van Dyk.</p>	

4	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors Lloyd Hughes, Tim Rice and Terry Napper declared a personal, prejudicial interest in Item 11 as they were Members of Street Parish Council.</p>	
5	<p>Chairman’s Engagements, Communications and Announcements</p> <p>A minute’s silence was held in memory of the late Councillor Danny Unwin.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council noted that Cllr Unwin had been widely involved in a number of areas across the Council, and that his enthusiasm and contributions would be greatly missed.</p> <p>Councillor Roy Mackenzie remarked that Cllr Unwin had sat on the Council for 11 years, and was motivated not by politics but by a desire to serve the people of Wells.</p> <p>The Chief Executive commented that Cllr Unwin was hugely respected by staff, and had always strived to achieve the best possible outcomes for staff, services and residents.</p> <p>The Chairman had attended the following engagements since the last meeting of Full Council;</p> <p>Chairman Councillor Dick Skidmore attended:</p> <p>17th May: MDC Garden Party for the YMCA 19th May: Mayor Making Ceremony, Wells 10th June: Mayor’s Sunday, Glastonbury 14th June: Opening of street market at Street 16th June: Somerset Schools’ Folk Dance Festival, Cathedral Green, Wells 9th July: Somerset Chairman’s Lunch (Nigel Taylor), Taunton 20th July: High Sheriff of Somerset Garden Party, Langford 4th August: Choral Evensong, Wells (HOPE) 7th August: Dick’s “Mayors Day”, SM Treatment Centre, Thorners, Westcombe Cheese, Wild Beer, 3 Horseshoes for lunch 22nd August: Danny Unwin’s funeral 3rd September: “Tommies Day”, War Memorial, Shepton Mallet 6th September: Frome Show pre-Show Dinner 9th September: Civic Service, Dulverton 16th September: Civic Service, Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge 23rd September: SCC Civic Service, Priddy Church</p>	

	<p>Future events: Will possibly attend 6th October; Poppy of Honour ceremony, Wincanton 28th October: Civic Service, Cheddar Church 6th November: "Somerset Remembers", Wells Cathedral 12th December: RAF Band Concert, Millfield School</p> <p>Vice Chairman Bryan Beha attended:</p> <p>14th July: Rededication of Street War Memorial 27th July: Gunwharf Quay, Landsec 7th August: The Chairman's "Mayors" day out 22nd August: Danny Unwin's funeral 31st August: Re-opening of Crispin Centre 16th September: Battle of Britain Memorial Service, St. Cuthbert's Church, Wells 23rd September: Civic Service, Priddy Church Future events: 3rd October: SS and L 10yrs at Saxonvale</p>	
6	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>a) Items on the agenda There were no speakers.</p> <p>b) Items not on the agenda There were no speakers</p>	
7	<p>Previous Minutes of Council</p> <p>The minutes of 14 May 2018 were agreed.</p>	Claire Dicken
8	<p>Update from the Leader of the Council</p> <p>The Leader updated Members regarding a number of matters, including;</p> <p>Acquisitions</p> <p>The Leader explained that the Council had recently acquired an industrial unit on Commerce Park, Frome, in addition to the purchase of the Saxonvale site. This site had been derelict for over a decade, and due to concerns over piecemeal development not achieving its full potential, the Council had stepped in. Development of the site would entail a mixture of housing and commercial premises. Councillor Philip Ham had been asked to chair an Advisory Panel, and the intention was to deliver a quality development that would</p>	

enhance the riverbank and meet affordable housing requirements.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Leader explained that talks had been undertaken between six Somerset authorities. Agreement had been reached that the aim of any reorganisation should be delivery of sustainable Councils for the future. A number of options were being considered, from no change to the establishment of a unitary authority.

Somerset County Council Budget

The Leader explained that there had been a meeting between the Leaders of Somerset District Councils and the Deputy Leader of Somerset County Council. An additional meeting had been held involving Chief Executives of the Somerset District Councils. Group Managers had been asked to report on the effects of cuts to the County Council budget on Mendip residents, and these responses had been collated with similar reports from other Districts. The Leader remarked that a co-ordinated response would better serve Mendip residents. Talks had also been held with all five of the Somerset MPs regarding provision of additional funding for Somerset, and central government had promised a Fairer Funding Review.

Additionally, the Leader explained that there had been ongoing issues with traveller incursions which had been raised with MPs. Plans were also going ahead for Christmas Markets in the District, and a second seat on the Somerset Drainage Board had been allocated to Councillor Roy Mackenzie. The Phoenix Board continued work around investments, and the 5 Councils Partnership was still delivering projected savings. The Leader praised the work of both Officers and Members.

During the discussion that followed, The Chair remarked that all authorities in Somerset were facing difficult times, however due to a series of wise decisions and its current investment policy, Mendip District Council found itself in a more favourable position than many.

Councillor Ros Wyke remarked that the Saxonvale development represented a significant opportunity for Frome, and it was important to get the best from the site. She noted that it presented an opportunity for the Council to deliver an example of the quality of design that the Council wanted to see from developers in the District. Cllr Wyke noted that cuts to County Council services would have the greatest effect on the most vulnerable residents, and it

	<p>was important that the County Council work closely with District Councils to mitigate the impact of these cuts. Similarly, any approach to the potential establishment of a unitary authority should consider the best interests of Somerset residents ahead of the County Council's budget requirements.</p> <p>The Chair commented that the Council had been facing testing times for some years due to a lack of central government funding. At this point Cllr Hudson raised a point of order regarding the Chairman's choice of words where he encouraged constituents to "attack" their MP's.</p> <p>The Chair also commented that no transit sites were available for travellers, despite attempts being made to acquire them over the last 15 years. The Chair noted that the Council gave significant support to Citizens Advice Mendip both through core funding and a negotiated rent for their base on the Shape Mendip Campus.</p>	
9	<p>Membership of Boards Committees and Panels</p> <p>It was resolved that Councillor Eve Berry would join the Planning Board, and Councillor Terry Napper would join the Licensing Board.</p> <p>It was further resolved that Councillors Clive Mockford and Edward Drewe would assume the roles of Cabinet Assistants.</p> <p>Members noted that a by-election would be held in the St Thomas's Ward of Wells on 25 October 2018 and that the elected member would also be appointed as Trustee of the Wells Recreation Ground Trust.</p>	Claire Dicken
10	<p>Treasury Management Annual Report 2017/2018</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Governance, Finance and Corporate Services presented The Treasury Management Annual Report which reflected on the performance against the Treasury Management strategy for the 2017/18 financial year.</p> <p>The report showed that during the financial year the Council had operated within the treasury limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the Council's Treasury Policy Statement and annual Treasury Strategy Statement. The outturn for the Prudential Indicators were shown attached to the report.</p> <p>In response to questions from Members, the Portfolio Holder explained that the Council's Treasury Management Strategy</p>	Paul Deal

	<p>only permitted investment in extremely well-rated companies. As such, there was minimal risk of the Council investing in any enterprises that could be considered 'unethical', although he acknowledged the word 'unethical' would mean different things to different people.</p> <p>In response to further questions from Members, the Portfolio Holder explained that where it was possible to invest using internal funds rather than borrowing, internal funds were used. Investments made using these internal funds were short term, to allow access while providing a return. The Council's financial reserves had not changed significantly within the last 12 months, and were not affected by these investments.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To note the report and approve the updated Capital Financing Requirements and Prudential Code Indicators.</p>	
11	<p>Community Governance Reviews</p> <p>The Leader presented a report which set out the two stages of consultation on the community governance reviews for the parishes of Street and Cranmore. The matter had been considered at each stage by Cabinet, and it was for Council to make the final decision.</p> <p>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</p> <p>The report considered the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change and retention of the number of parish councillors for the parishes of Street and Cranmore • Accept the revised number to be elected for the parishes of Street and Cranmore • Whether other options should be explored <p>The Group Manager, Law and Governance Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer explained that a dispensation had been granted for those Members who also sat on Street Parish Council and had declared an interest in this item to take part in the discussion, as their involvement in the debate would benefit the electorate.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	Steven Lake

	<p>To endorse the report and approve the making of Orders to increase, with effect from the ordinary elections to be held in 2019:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number of councillors on the Street Parish Council from 12 to 16 in accordance with the Parish Council's proposal as shown below: <table border="1" data-bbox="464 427 1192 582"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ward</th> <th>Councillors</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Street North</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street South</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street West</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> The number of councillors on the Cranmore Parish Council from 6 to 7 in accordance with the Parish Council's proposal. <p>REASONS FOR THE RESOLUTION</p> <p>Both Parish Councils had provided sustainable reasons as to why the number of Parish Councillors should be increased.</p>	Ward	Councillors	Street North	6	Street South	7	Street West	3	
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12	<p>Petition with Regard to Car Parking in Frome</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Governance, Finance and Corporate Services presented a report which had been prepared by the Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>The report stated the Council had received a petition regarding the proposal to introduce Sunday Car Parking charges in Frome. The proposal was first published in May 2018 as part of the Car Park Charges Review 2018-2022 that was brought before Cabinet at that time. A hard copy of the petition was received from a representative of Frome Town Council on the evening of 21 May 2018 and was debated and considered by Cabinet that evening.</p> <p>As the petition has in excess of 1500 signatures, Full Council was required to debate the petition in accordance with the Council's Constitution.</p> <p>Mr Mark Dorrington, the Deputy Mayor of Frome was invited to present a 6,186 signature petition on behalf of Frome residents. Mr Dorrington thanked the Council for its previous concessions, but remarked that there was no reason to implement a charge for car parking on Sundays. He explained that a meeting had been convened to formulate a co-ordinated approach to parking in Frome. Despite a challenging retail environment, a recent benchmarking</p>	David Clark								

survey had shown increased footfall in Frome town centre. Mr Dorrington noted that there was a thriving independent cinema in Westway, and an active canoe club based in the Cattle Market. He remarked that the biggest impact of the proposed charges would be upon the Cheese and Grain, which had proved attractive to regional and national event organisers due to the free parking nearby. Mr Dorrington noted that these events had a knock on benefit to local hotels, restaurants and pubs, and the imposition of charges could result in visitors parking in residential streets. He urged the Council to enter discussions with the Cheese and Grain regarding further concessions.

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Community Health thanked Mr Dorrington for the petition. He explained that a proposal for charges of £2 per day for Sunday parking (excluding market days) had been put to Cabinet, in addition he intended to submit a proposal for seven days of free parking over the Christmas period. The Portfolio Holder explained that public use of the car park resulted in wear and tear, which required thousands of pounds of repairs at the Council's, and therefore the rate payers' expense. He noted that £2 for a day of parking was a modest charge, which would be largely paid by visitors to the town rather than residents. He noted that other towns in the District had far higher parking charges, and the £2 charge would not represent a bar to visitors.

Members remarked that a £2 charge seemed reasonable, but a full review of the car parking strategy for Frome should be conducted. Members further commented that any decisions regarding parking in the District should be taken in conjunction with Town and Parish Councils.

Members remarked that should concessions be made regarding parking in Frome, similar concessions should be extended to car parks in the District's other towns.

Members noted that page 41 of the report noted that under the petition scheme, the Council could commission further research into the matter. Members suggested that the proposed charges be adopted for six months, and a review then be conducted.

Members remarked that car parks were liable for business rates, which should be considered alongside maintenance costs.

The Leader noted that the Council was currently reviewing its car parking policy, and the provision of car parking within the district. He suggested that a letter be drafted thanking the organiser of the petition for raising the matter, and

	<p>offering reassurance that the Car Parks Working Group would continue to review the Council's policy.</p> <p>It was proposed that the report be noted and a letter sent to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views about the request in the petition. The motion was carried with 27 votes for, six against and three abstentions.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To note the report and agree to write to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views about the request in the petition.</p>	
13	<p>Boyle Cross Partnership</p> <p>This item had been withdrawn from the agenda. The report would be considered by the Cabinet instead.</p>	Haylee Wilkins
14	<p>Taxi Policy</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Community Health presented a report which stated the Council had had a Taxi Policy since 2013 and had consulted on the draft of a new Taxi Policy to replace the existing one from 1 October 2018.</p> <p>The policy defined how the Council would deal with hackney carriages (taxis) and private hire vehicles (PHVs), licensed drivers of these vehicles and PH operators (PHOs).</p> <p>The lead officer consulted on the draft Taxi Policy for 12 weeks. The report summarised the process and the comments received. The Licensing Board considered a final draft and recommended the policy to Full Council for approval and adoption.</p> <p>The Council would offer a fast track application service and would use an online facility to obtain Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosures for taxi and private hire drivers, if the policy was approved. These matters had also been considered separately by Licensing Board and then Cabinet, as additional charges were proposed. These matters were referred to in this Taxi Policy.</p> <p>In response to questions from Members, the Officer explained that there was a relatively small number of wheelchair accessible vehicles operating in the District. There was no mandatory requirement for wheelchair</p>	Jason Kirkwood

	<p>accessibility, and provision of these vehicles was determined by market forces.</p> <p>Members noted that items 4 and 25 on pages 81 and 82 of the report were duplicated.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Nigel Woolcombe-Adams that the Taxi Policy as set out in the report be approved for implementation from 1 October 2018. The motion was seconded by Councillor John North and carried unanimously.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To approve the Taxi Policy as set out in the report for implementation from 1 October 2018.</p>	
15	<p>Gambling Statement and Principles</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Community Health presented a report which stated the Council must adopt a Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, for each 3 yearly period.</p> <p>The Licensing Board had approved a draft policy for the period 2019 – 2022 for consultation, and this had then been subject to a 12 week public consultation process.</p> <p>The Licensing Board considered the responses received through that process, and then approved a final draft of the policy to recommend to Full Council for adoption. This draft was attached to the report.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Nigel Woolcombe-Adams that the final policy statement be approved for publication in December 2018 and implementation on 31 January 2019. The motion was seconded by Councillor Nigel Taylor and carried unanimously.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To approve the final policy statement to be published in December 2018 for implementation on 31 January 2019.</p>	Jason Kirkwood
16	<p>Changes to the Constitution</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Governance, Finance and Corporate Services presented a report which had been prepared by the Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.</p>	

	<p>The report described amendments of specific elements of the Council's Constitution. These amendments concerned the Standards Committee and Responsibility of Functions; Scheme of Delegation to Officers.</p> <p>These amendments had also been reported to and noted by the Standards Committee held on 11 September 2018.</p> <p>In response to questions from Members, the Portfolio Holder explained that the Council's Scrutiny arrangements would be kept under review. A report would be brought to full Council in due course.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To note the minor amendments made to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer under delegated authority.</p>	
17	<p>Motions to Council</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Taylor declared an interest as he was the current Chair of Somerset County Council. He asked if he would be required to leave the chamber, and was informed that he could remain.</p> <p>A. Somerset County Council cuts</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Councillor Adam Boyden and seconded by Councillor Ros Wyke.</p> <p>The Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expressed its concern about the potential impacts of Somerset County Council's recently announced cuts to services on residents in the district and on the infrastructure our communities depend on, including from reductions in support to Mendip Citizens Advice, support for young carers and Youth Services, and reductions in the winter road gritting and road maintenance services. 2. Expressed particular concern that sizeable funding cuts to Citizens Advice services (which gives vital and cost-effective support to residents and reduces demand for Council services) is likely to be counter-productive and increase the demand for Council statutory services. 3. Supports Somerset County Council's Leader David Fothergill's recent statement that "local government's continuous lobbying [of Government] for more funding simply hasn't been heard". 	

	<p>4. Requested that the Chief Executive writes to the district's Members of Parliament (for Wells, and Somerton and Frome) to ask them to lobby Government for additional financial assistance for local public services in Somerset, and to report back on their efforts.</p> <p>5. Resolves to show community leadership and work with other district councils and parish/ town/ city councils and other stakeholders where appropriate, to identify how the Council can step up and support county services affected, and act to mitigate their effects.</p> <p>6. Resolves to, in particular, urgently review how the Council can provide additional support to Mendip Citizens Advice's services, to mitigate the counter-productive loss of funding.</p> <p>The Leader remarked that the County Council's position was dire, and Mendip District Council had done everything that it could. He explained that the issues raised were already being considered, and MPs had been lobbied. As such, he was unable to support the motion.</p> <p>Councillor Ros Wyke expressed disappointment that the Leader was unable to support the motion, as it was apolitical in most respects. She remarked that loans taken by the County Council had been used to deliver schools, roads, libraries and doctors' surgeries throughout the County in a period where there were no other funding options.</p> <p>Councillor John Osman remarked that while he had some sympathy with the motion, he could not support it. He explained that the County Council's current position had not arisen overnight, but was a result of events that started 20 years ago with the borrowing of £20,000,000 per year. The coalition government of 2010 had introduced austerity measures resulting in cuts of £30,000,000 per year from the County Council's budget, and it was no surprise that the County Council found itself in this position.</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Taylor noted that the Leader had made tireless efforts to meet with Somerset County Council and MPs to lobby on behalf of Mendip District Council, and remarked that his efforts should be duly recognised.</p> <p>The motion was voted down with eight votes for and 20 against.</p>	
18	Questions from the Public	

	<p>There were no questions submitted from members of the public.</p>	
<p>19</p>	<p>Questions from Members</p> <p>A. The following question was asked by Councillor Adam Boyden and seconded by Councillor Ros Wyke:</p> <p>In light of the Motion to Full Council in October 2015 on the Council's use of enforcement agents to collect Council Tax in relation to families with children and people in financial distress, the cross-party review undertaken and the report endorsed by Scrutiny Board in March 2016, and as the Council is now signed up to the LGA's joint Council Tax Protocol with Citizens Advice, how many households have been referred to enforcement agents each year since March 2016, what are the reasons for any increases in referrals, and how is the Council working to ensure the Protocol is being adhered to?</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Members for their question.</p> <p>Councillor John Parham explained that the Council had a legal duty to collect Council Tax on behalf of Parish and Town Councils, police and the County Council. These authorities depended on the District Council to collect the highest possible percentage, which was currently over 98%. Cllr Parham explained that over the last period, the number of reminders and summons issued had decreased. Numbers of liability orders were broadly the same, and attachment of earnings and benefits had reduced. He noted that there was a core of residents within the District who had difficulty in paying Council Tax, and help should be given to those who needed it while those who had the ability to pay but refused should be dealt with differently. The Councillor explained that vulnerable people were not pursued for Council Tax arrears, but it was not always apparent that individuals were vulnerable unless they engaged with services at an early stage. Cllr Parham noted that Mendip District Council had been noted by central government for its exemplary approach to Council Tax collection, and had signed up to the LGA and CAB good practice protocol. He further noted that CAB communicated directly with Capita, without the Council acting as an intermediary.</p> <p>B. The following question was asked by Councillor Nick Cottle:</p>	

As I understand, 19 caravans and occupants are expected to vacate the Morland site shortly, with 12 caravans allowed to remain in residence at the Morland site. The major thrust of my question is this: Has Mendip District Council formulated a contingency plan, for when these caravans and occupants' leave, or are removed from the Morlands site?

Glastonbury has been struggling with caravans parked at the side of the highway, and on the highway for a long period of time, and unfortunately, the Mendip Enforcement Team, combined with the County Council enforcement team, with the best will in the world, struggle to control the situation. I genuinely feel for the health and wellbeing of the occupants of the caravans, and the great concern and inconvenience that the local residents are enduring. I would appreciate a proactive response, as opposed to a reactive response.

The Chairman thanked the Member for his question.

Councillor Tom Killen explained that the recent court judgement required 18 individuals to leave the site, and had deemed that 12 individuals had personal needs that outweighed the Council's needs at the present time. The Council had engaged with stakeholders including police and Somerset County Council from both an enforcement and welfare point of view. Mendip District Council had no statutory duty to provide sites for travellers, however steps were being taken through the planning process to address the issue. Cllr Killen explained that the Council was acutely aware of the issues in Glastonbury, and Community Protection Notices had been issued in response to anti-social behaviour. He explained that caravans being parked on the highway was a matter for Somerset County Council, and the District Council had limited influence. A Senior Officer Working Group was considering all options and taking proactive measures. Work was being carried out with the Community Land Trust to identify transit sites, and the Council would continue to support the residents of Glastonbury in dealing with this difficult and thorny issue.

Councillor Steve Henderson remarked that Glastonbury Town Council had written to Mendip District Council regarding making Morlands a permanent transit site. He further noted that there was another potential site in Glastonbury, however this had been ruled out due to flood zone issues.

Councillor Ros Wyke noted that the issue of travellers in the district had been debated by County and District Councils

	<p>for more than ten years. She asked that a written summary be provided detailing actions taken and options considered.</p> <p>Councillor Tom Killen explained that Glastonbury Town Council had encouraged Mendip District Council to pursue legal action against the trespassers on the Morlands site. He further noted that the site’s unsuitability for residential occupation was well documented. Cllr Killen explained that the Council was working with stakeholders and other authorities to minimise the impact of any further trespass resulting from the eviction of the individuals occupying the Morlands site.</p> <p>C. The following question was asked by Councillor Roy Mackenzie</p> <p>Regarding the proposal for an increase in attendance at the Glastonbury Festival, why were members of the Licensing Board not informed; and indeed, all MDC members, bearing in mind the effect of each festival on our district?</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Member for his question.</p> <p>Councillor Dick Skidmore explained that further increases to the attendance at Glastonbury Festival would be raised at the Licensing Board.</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Taylor explained that in instances where only one complaint had been received, the Council’s policy was to seek resolution between the complainant and organiser. As such a resolution had been reached the matter was not raised at the Licensing Board. The Councillor noted that Officers had acted in accordance with the Council’s policy. He noted the members concern and committed to reviewing the current policy to ensure it was fit for purpose.</p> <p>The Leader took the opportunity to express his concern regarding a comment the Chairman had made earlier in the meeting under item 8 where he had encouraged constituents to “attack” their MP’s. The Leader stated that this was not appropriate. The Chairman recognised his statement could be misinterpreted and apologised he agreed that “lobbying” would be a better choice of words.</p>	
20	<p>Urgent Business</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	

The meeting closed at approximately 9.50 pm.