

Town Council Meeting 09th September 2024

Agenda Item No 4.2

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10th JUNE 2024 (red type)

Minute 20.1 Public Open Forum (15 minutes at discretion of The Chair).

The 'Chair' Mayor Cllr Carole Hopkins opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and allowed 15 minutes Public Open Forum.

Public attendee (1) read from a prepared list of observations and questions, these are summarised as follows:

- Why is the EXOM of 29th May 2024 not on this evening's agenda?
- Technical issues were highlighted by a Councillor on line but this was not addressed. That it was felt a contingency plan should be in place for such events and as such an action plan should be created and circulated this would also be a plan to cover the contingency for agenda item 10 on tonight's agenda for IT issues.

Public attendee (1) requested the following information in relation to the Town Councils IT issues

- What was the issue?
- When was it resolved?
- What is the SLA with Microshade?
- What is the contingency?

Public attendee (1) opinionated that the council has not covered itself in glory which is less than should be expected and that there is a public loss of confidence.

The chair Cllr Carole Hopkins requested that *Public Attendee (1)* provide Magor with Undy Town Council (MUTC) a copy of her written list be provided. This was agreed.

Public attendee (2) asked about matters arising from Sycamore Field and how information and progress would be communicated to the public?

The Chair, Cllr Carole Hopkins reassured that there is much ongoing work to move the proposal forward and updates would be provided as soon as practicable.

Public attendee (3) asked the Chair why dog walking facilities was not on tonight's meeting agenda?

Cllr Carole Hopkins reassured that this is a matter of priority for MUTC and clarified that MUTC are in discussion with both MCC and *MUCH Trustees* to try and secure use of the field for such purposes. MUTC is currently awaiting a response from the *MUCH Trustees*. Monmouthshire planning have also been consulted and the matter has been expedited.

Mr Mike Burke from *MUCH Trustees* was in attendance and explained that the Trustees would be considering use of the field to come across to MUTC for dog exercising purposes.

Public attendee (4) questioned the statement of Public attendee (1) regarding the public loss of confidence expressed that this was a 'very loose comment' immeasurable and asked "How many people is it and what percentage of the Magor and Undy population does this include?"