

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2009 IN THE TOWN HALL, THE SQUARE, AXBRIDGE

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

Meeting concluded: 8.45pm

Present: Councillors Mrs J Trotman (Mayor), D Bratt, Mrs K Browne, Mrs P Ham, B Hamblin, Mrs V Isaac, P Passey, Mrs E Scott (during minute 96/09) and M Taylor

Apologies for absence: Councillors C Byrne, J Gall (Deputy Mayor), J Lukins and A Matthews

Also in attendance: Mrs V L Brice (Town Clerk) and Mr F Marsh, Rural Housing Enabler, Community Council for Somerset

94/09 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Mrs Browne – declared a personal interest depending on the site to be discussed.

95/09 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted which relates to items which may form part of a contract.

96/09 Confidential Item - Affordable Housing Project

Mr Marsh updated members on the Affordable Housing Project and highlighted the work to date which had resulted in the planned site meeting on Monday 5th October 2009 to look at a particular site. He had endeavoured to keep the Town Council informed during the process to date and was aware of reservations in relation to this site. He assured members that no final decision had been made.

At this juncture, Councillor Mrs Scott joined the meeting.

Councillors made observations and raised concerns both on the procedures and in relation to the site currently under consideration. It was stressed that representatives of the Town Council were not authorised to make decisions on behalf of the Council and that only the Council itself could give its view or make any decision on this matter.

The Clerk would provide a list of questions/concerns to Mr Marsh. The site meeting on 5th October 2009 would go ahead as planned, with formal feedback to the next meeting of Council. It was possible that Mr Marsh would meet with the Council in November 2009 to ensure all parties are fully informed on the project.

Members emphasised their support for Affordable Housing in principle, but felt the Council should be able to influence where and how affordable housing was provided in its Town.

RESOLVED: that this matter be included on the agenda of the next Council meeting to enable formal feedback to be provided on this project.

Chairman

Dated