

POTTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, 7.00pm at the Community Centre.

**Present:** Councillors Mr A. Bell, Mr A. Gibb, Mr R. Harris, Mr L. Ivall, Mr A. Leggatt, Mr J. Lewis, Mr A. Macdonald Chairman, Mr J. Price Williams, Mr C. Temple and Mr R. Whitfield.

**Absent:** Councillors Mr D. Ellison, Mr G. Emery, Mr J. Hobbs, Mr J. Lean and Mr A. Zerny.

**Also Present:** Town Clerk.

**1 Apologies for absence**

Councillors Mr D. Ellison, Mr G. Emery, Mr J. Hobbs, Mr J. Lean and Mr A. Zerny.

**2 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors were reminded that they should declare an interest in any matter of personal or prejudicial interest to be discussed at this meeting. Information about this requirement had been on the table.

**3 Public Participation Session**

No questions from the public.

**4 Market Square - Rural Match Funding**

Members noted minute 14 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 It was resolved (i) that the Town Clerk forward all correspondence to Central Bedfordshire Council Cllr Zerny with regards to making the Market Square into one traffic regulation order. The Town Clerk duly sent all correspondence to Cllr Zerny and Cllr Zerny contacted Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC).

Cllr Zerny has been able obtain a response from CBC  
"... the only way of now getting this actioned in the next financial year is if Potton TC make an application to the Rural Match Fund."

Members noted Councillors, members of the public and town centre businesses have raised concern about the lack of parking in the Market Square, because vehicles are moved around the traffic regulation zone areas in the Market Square and the Town Clerk has written to the traders on three occasions following instruction from the Town Council.

Members noted the current traffic regulation for the Market Square is 1hr no return within 2hours.

Members were asked to consider whether to make an application to the Rural Match Fund and commit to spend £2,500 on carrying out a feasibility study. The Town Clerk had advised that the town council could either use the General Reserve or transfer monies from an Ear Marked Reserve (EMR), for example the EMR Skatepark.

Members considered whether to make an application to the Rural Match

Fund.

It was **resolved (i)** to make an application to the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Rural Match Fund and commit to spend £2,500 on carrying out a feasibility study with regards to the unification of all parking zones in the Market Square to one parking zone with a two-hour waiting time and no return within two hours. **(ii)** to write to all traders in the Market Square to ask that they each pay an equal share of the proportional amount of £2,500, to cover the town councils above spend.

**5 To Arrange Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Town Council is arranged for Tuesday 6th February 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed.....Chairman .....Date

**Mission Statement**

The aim of Pottton Town Council is to serve the people of this town to the best of its ability.