

Malvern Hills District Council

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At an extraordinary full meeting of the Malvern Hills District Council on 26 July 2022, it was resolved (with 26 votes for and 4 against) that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council on the following basis: a) Single member wards are generally preferred where these meet the statutory criteria; b) Southern Malvern Hills - Longdon & Welland: our strong preference is for 2 single member wards for this area comprising a Welland ward based on Upper Welland [and] Little Malvern, Welland and Castlemorton parishes and a Longdon ward comprising the remaining part of the area; c) Kempsey and Powick - Powick: the name of the ward should reflect that the area covers Hanley Castle and Hanley Swan thus a proposal should be made that the ward name be 'Powick and The Hanleys'; d) North-western Malvern Hills: the proposals seem logical and are supported. A copy of the minutes is attached.

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Council

Tuesday, 26 July 2022

Minutes

Present:

Councillors: M. Allen, B. Behan, P. Bennett, C. Bovey, L. Bruton, K.H. Chan, D. Clarke, P. Cumming, P.L. Cumming, M. Davies, M. Dyde, J. Gallagher, D. Harrison, B. Jones-Williams (Vice-Chairman), N. McVey, J. Michael (Chairman), A. Morgan, B. Nielsen, J. Owenson, C. Palethorpe, C. Palmer, J. Raine, C. Reed, B. Thomas, D. Walton, K. Wells, T. Wells, P. Whatley, R. Whitehead and J. Wood

Not in attendance:

Councillors: C. Baldwin and J. O'Donnell

Apologies:

Councillors: K. Aksar, D. Chambers, S. Charles, D. Godwin, N. Mills and S. Rouse

17. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other Disclosable Interests

Item 5 – Malvern Hills College

Councillors C Palmer, J Raine, T Wells and J Wood declared other non pecuniary interests as they had worked with the SOS task group.

Councillor Beverley Nielsen declared an interest that she had also been involved with the SOS task group. She also declared that whilst she had no connection or link to the request for funding, she was one of the founding members of the company making the request. Although she had since stepped down from that position she felt that her involvement in the setting up of the company and its initial work precluded her from taking part in the discussion relating to the request and voting on the matter. She would therefore leave the room when council moved to the agenda item.

18. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements of events he had attended:

- Civic Society Awards in Priory Park – 25 June 2022
- Great Malvern Food Festival – 9-10 July 2022 in Priory Park
- Mayor of Evesham's Civic Service – 17 July 2022 at All Saints Church
- Mayor of Redditch's Charity Summer Supper
- Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay – 22 July

2022. He wished luck to all those participating in the Commonwealth Games.

He also announced that he would be attending the Malvern Pride events on 30 July 2022 in Priory Park.

The Chairman wished luck to the Women's England football team who were to play in the semi-finals of the UEFA Women's EURO 2022 that evening.

- 19. Public Participation** At the Chairman's discretion Councillor Nick Houghton, Mayor of Malvern addressed the Council to thank them for the support for the Malvern Pride Festival.

Councillor Beverley Nielsen left the room at 6.09pm prior to Item 5

- 20. Malvern Hills College** The Council considered a request for grant funding from Malvern Hills Arts and Community College to allow them to purchase the former Malvern Hills College property at Albert Road North.

RESOLVED: that subject to the Council having representation on the Malvern Hills Arts and Community College Board:

- i) A grant of up to £400,000 from the Priorities Earmarked Reserve to Malvern Hills Arts and Community College, secured as a charge on the property, be agreed.**
- ii) Delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources, to make decisions on the detailed terms of the Council's grant.**

Councillor Beverley Nielsen rejoined the meeting at 6.22pm prior to Item 6

- 21. Local Government Boundary Commission for England - Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Malvern Hills District Council** The Council considered the recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) further draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for the District.

Councillor Dean Clarke wished his disagreement with the proposals for the Hallow ward to be placed on record.

RESOLVED: that

- i) The draft recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the new electoral arrangements for Malvern Hills District Council, dated June**

2022, be noted.

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ii) Delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council on the following basis:

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c) Kempsey and Powick - Powick: the name of the ward should reflect that the area covers Hanley Castle and Hanley Swan thus a proposal should be made that the ward name be 'Powick and The Hanleys'.

d) North Western Malvern Hills: The proposals seem logical and are supported.

iii) all individual councillors and groups be encouraged to respond directly to the LGBCE consultation.

The meeting concluded at 6.53 pm

Chairman