

WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Assembly held on Monday, 14 April 2003 at 7.30 pm.

Present: The Town Mayor Councillor Patrick O'Dell, Deputy Mayor, Councillor L. Sims and Councillors R.S.G. Barnwell, Mrs K.M. Brennan, Miss E.A. Carlisle, Mrs C.R. Cox, A.R. Green, E.E. Penn, Mrs A.R. Purt, L.W. Purt and R. Symonds

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A.C. Gilliatt, S.L. Cawthorne, H.B. Wegg, Mrs J.M. Diggle and B.E.A. Diggle

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Assembly held on Monday 8 April 2002 at 7.30pm, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Town Mayor as a true and correct record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Resolutions

Simon King spoke to proposition:

1) "That Wisbech Town Council begins negotiations with Fenland District Council to explore the feasibility of assuming responsibility for the upkeep of Wisbech Park", and reinforced the importance of the park to the Town of Wisbech. He volunteered that the maintenance contract has changed and if monitoring is not successful then firm action should be taken on dealing with the Fenland District Council.

Councillor Green stated that formal negotiations had started in 2001 and were still ongoing.

Councillor Symonds offered that the most important aspect was the resources issue. Fenland was informed in February 1996 what was required.

It was then that this proposal could not find a seconder. The matter was closed.

2) "That Wisbech Town Council fully supports the reopening of the March to Wisbech Rial Link".

Councillor L. Purt reminded members that this Council had supported the Multi-Modal Link and had advised that the Rail Link should be part of the study.

Then members reaffirmed their support for the Multi-Modal Study and Councillor L. Purt Seconded.

Councillor Miss Carlisle then offered the information that it was likely that the March Marshalling yards would be opened again by April 2004 which could mean that the Wisbech line may re-open then.

Mr Cullen asked where the station would be. Mr King offered that it would probably be a "halt" rather than a station. The proposal was carried 11-0.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Town Mayor

Date