

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1 April 2019

AGENDA ITEM 5

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Honorary Alderman P Cartwright to the Cabinet Member for Community.

On Tuesday 26 February before 9 p.m. I and others were refused another drink in the Falcon P.H as they were closing on police advice because travellers were in town and there was possible disturbance. We left and were potentially at risk in the street if there were a disturbance.

Thames Valley Police deny responsibility and state that Town Centre CCTV were informed "who it appears made the decision via the PubWatch radio network requesting places to close".

I assume that the WDC Licensing Officers were informed.

To whom is Town Centre CCTV accountable?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor G Peart (Cabinet Member for Community).

2. Question from Mr R Colomb to the Leader of the Council.

At the last Council Meeting Cllr Khalil Ahmed presented a petition requesting a Community Governance Review to ascertain whether a Town Council should be set up to cover the unparished area of Wycombe District. In his lengthy introduction he stated that he believed that a Town Council could be established and run at no extra expense to the taxpayer residents of High Wycombe and he severely criticised two senior Councillors who had been distributing leaflets setting out the likely costs by identifying the precepts charged by the existing Town Councils in Buckinghamshire, which are of course very considerably in excess of the modest charges of the High Wycombe Town Committee's Special Expenses.

Would you agree that Cllr Ahmed was disingenuous and misled the Council Meeting about the likely financial costs of a Town Council in High Wycombe to the hard pressed taxpayers?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).

3. Question from Mr R Hutton to the Cabinet Member for Environment

My question relates to the poor state of the High Street, High Wycombe.

The High Street is a prominent part of the town and sets the tone for the area, over the course of a long period of time it has become neglected. In particular, the black street furniture is in a worn and dirty state; some metal grilles around the trees are missing; the cobbles outside The Falcon public house and Little Market House are greasy; there is graffiti to some areas. Weeds and cigarette butts blight the base of the trees.

How does Wycombe District Council intend to remedy each of these issues?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J Adey (Cabinet Member for Environment).

4. Question from Mr A Walker to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration.

Would the Council please explain the process by which any decisions concerning the occupation and ongoing use of the Brunel Shed in the forecourt of High Wycombe Station will be determined?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor S Broadbent (Cabinet Member Economic Development & Regeneration).

5. Question from Mr T Snaith to the Leader of the Council.

The Regulatory and Appeal Committee (R&A) agreed to the Community Governance Review (CGR) for High Wycombe unparished wards

They proposed to ask for R&A members to work on the specification and Terms of reference.

Would it not be more sensible for those working on the terms of reference to be drawn from Town Members only? Those who submitted the petitions, interested town community organisations, charities and businesses. People who are truly passionate and care about our town.

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).