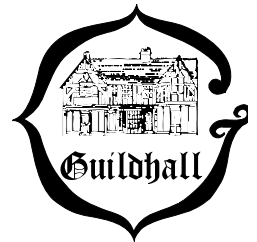


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

held on
Wednesday 12 May 2004
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: David Adams
John Barr
Martyn Edwards
Irene Evans
John Evans
Brenda Flowers
George Franks
Glyn Gratton
Adrian Meredith
Janette Treagust
Sally Wiggin

IN ATTENDANCE: D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr. Glyn Holland.

Cllr. John Evans chaired the commencement of the meeting.
As outgoing Mayor he thanked all present for their support.

1/04-05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

1/04-05 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr. Sally Wiggin was duly elected to serve as Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2004/05. Following a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Cllr Wiggin chaired the remainder of the meeting. Cllr Wiggin thanked Cllr John and Irene Evans for all their hard work and dedication in the past 12 Months.

3/04-05 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Cllr Glyn Gratton was duly elected to serve as Deputy Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2004/05 and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4/04-05

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Accepting that the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are by their appointments ex-officio members of all Standing Committees, the remaining members are as listed below:

a. Community Safety

Cllr David Adams
Cllr John Barr
Cllr John Evans
Cllr Glyn Holland
Cllr Janette Treagust

b. Leisure & Environmental Services

Cllr Irene Evans
Cllr Brenda Flowers
Cllr George Franks
Cllr Adrian Meredith
Cllr Janette Treagust

c. Planning & Economic Development

Cllr David Adams
Cllr Martyn Edwards
Cllr Irene Evans
Cllr Adrian Meredith
Cllr Janette Treagust

5/04-05

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Wrekin Area Committee (of SALC)

Cllr John Evans

b. Police Community Consultative Committee

Cllr Glyn Holland

c. Wrekin & District Sports Advisory Committee

Cllr Martyn Edwards
Cllr John Evans

d. Victim Support Scheme

The Town Clerk will determine whether this still functions.

e. Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr John Barr

f. Newport Regeneration Partnership

Cllr David Adams (with voting rights)
Cllr Glyn Gratton

g. Newport Youth Café

Cllr George Franks

h. Cottage Care Centre

Cllr George Franks

6/04-05 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

Since no members of the public were present, the meeting was not suspended for public questions.

7/04-05 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached** at **Appendix 'A'**.

Cllr John Evans reported that the Mayor's Charity in 2003/04 had raised £1140 for the Guides and £430 for the Scouts in Newport.

8/04-05 MINUTES

The Minutes of a meeting held on 14 April 2004 were approved as a true record.

FINANCE

9/04-05 Finance Report

The Finance Report for April 2004, **attached** at **Appendix 'B'** and the payments therein, were approved/ratified.

10/04-05 Annual Subscription

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following **Annual Subscriptions**

a.	SALC	£1049.69
b.	ASHTAV	£35.00
c.	SALC (WAC)	£40.00
d.	CBA	£40.00

11/04-05 Thank You Letters

Members noted Thank You Letters for grants awarded to:

- a. Newport Youth Café (Annual Grant)
- b. Loyal Newport Volunteers (Annual Grant)
- c. CAB (Annual Grant)
- d. Shropshire & Mid Wales Kidney Patients Association
- e. No Panic
- f. Newport (Shropshire) Carnival Committee
- g. Hope Home
- h. Church Aston Thursday Club
- j. Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group
- k. Princess Royal NHS Trust – Breast Research Fund

12/04-05 The Friends of St. Nicholas Church

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council become a **Corporate Member of the Friends of St. Nicholas Church at a cost of £25.00.**

13/04-05 Children's Arbour

It was **RESOLVED** to transfer the underspend of **£441.50** back to **Capital Reserves.**

EU MATTERS

14/04-05 West Midlands in Europe – Newsletter No. 15

Members noted receipt of the Newsletter.

TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

15/04-05 Telford & Wrekin Partnership Co-ordination Group Meeting

Members noted the record of a meeting held on 24 March 2004 attached at **Appendix 'C'**.

Members **RESOLVED** to initiate correspondence to the **Government and Telford and Wrekin Borough Council** requesting greater facilities and emphasis on the recycling of plastic products, particularly bottles.

16/04-05 Scrutiny Commission (Environment & Economy)

Members considered a request for members of the Scrutiny Committee (Environment & Economy) to hold an informal meeting on regeneration issues in Newport as detailed at

Appendix 'D'. Members indicated a wish to attend such a meeting to be held at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 27 May 2004 at The Guildhall, Newport.

17/04-05 Budget Capping

Members noted a letter from the Chief Executive **attached at Appendix 'E'**.

18/04-05 Car Parking Charges

Members considered a letter from the Borough Council **attached at Appendix 'F'**, together with the original correspondence. It was **RESOLVED to invite Mr Steve Hollins to brief the Town Council on the issue at the July Town Council meeting.**

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

19/04-05 Newport & District Chamber of Commerce

Members considered a proposal from Cllr Glyn Gratton that the new Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Ailsa Davidson, be invited to address the Town Council at a future meeting. It was **RESOLVED to invite Ms. Davidson to address the June Town Council meeting.**

20/04-05 Macmillan Shropshire News – Spring 2004

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

21/04-05 Community Safety Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 28 April 2004, **attached at Appendix 'G'**.

22/04-05 Capital Funds

Members considered a resolution of the Community Safety Committee at Minute CSC/46/03-04 to return £5000 to general Capital Funds. It was **RESOLVED to effect the transfer of £5000 from Public Lighting Capital Funds to general Capital Funds.**

23/04-05 CCTV

Members were informed that PC John Walters, Beat Manager at Donnington, who was involved in getting up the Oakengates Digital System has invited them to view the system in operation.

Members indicated a wish to attend and asked that a daytime

and evening session be organised in the following timeframes:

Monday 14 June 2004
Tuesday 15 June 2004
Wednesday 16 June 2004

Monday 21 June 2004
Tuesday 22 June 2004
Wednesday 23 June 2004

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

24/04-05 CPRE Shropshire Branch Annual Report 2004

Members noted receipt of the Annual Report.

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

25/04-05 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 14 April 2004 previously circulated.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC / NALC)

26/04-05 SALC Training Sessions

Members were informed of the next round of training sessions detailed at **Appendix 'H'**. Cllrs. Irene Evans and Janette Treagust indicated a wish to attend the session on Parish Plans to be held 30 June 2004.

27/04-05 Local Council Review – May 2004

Members noted receipt of the Review.

28/04-05 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Signed

Dated