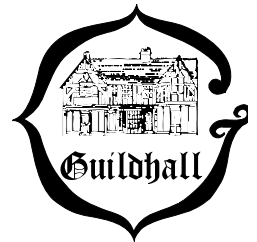


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 9 June 2004
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Sally Wiggin – Town Mayor
Glyn Gratton – Deputy Town Mayor
David Adams
John Barr
Martyn Edwards
Irene Evans
John Evans
Brenda Flowers
George Franks
Glyn Holland
Adrian Meredith

IN ATTENDANCE: D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Janette Treagust.

30/04-05 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to permit a member of the public to raise an issue with the Council.

31/04-05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

32/04-05 NEWPORT & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Members welcomed Mrs Ailsa Davidson, newly appointed Chairman of the Newport Chamber of Commerce. Mrs Davidson thanked the members for their invitation to speak at the meeting and hoped it would be the start of forging closer links between the Council and the Chamber. Newport is a thriving town and she is exploring every opportunity together with her committee to work in partnership with other town bodies on items of joint concern. Their aim is to move the Chamber forward and increase membership and raise their profile in the local community, for example by running Charity events. They

are represented on the Regeneration Partnership, the Canal Restoration Project and the Cosy Hall. Together with the representative from the LVA they are investigating the introduction of an ID Card scheme for young people to prevent the spread of under age drinking.

Members thanked Mrs Davidson for her attendance at the meeting and expressed their wish that this is the start of productive partnership working.

33/04-05 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

34/04-05 MINUTES

The Minutes of a meeting held on 12 May 2004 were approved as a true record, subject to the inclusion of Cllr Martyn Edwards on the list of those present.

FINANCE

35/04-05 Finance Report

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

36/04-05 Audit of Accounts 2003/04

a. Statement of Assurance

Members confirmed unanimously that there is no conflict of interest with the External Auditors by responding in the negative to the question:

“Do any members use the services of Winross Hacker Young of Vittoria Street, Birmingham outside of their relationship with the Town Council?”

b. Risk Assessment Review

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the revision to the **Risk Assessment for the Town Council, detailed at Appendix 'C'**.

37/04-05 Thank You Letters

Members noted Thank You Letters for grants awarded to:

- a.** Macmillan Shropshire Appeal
- b.** Shropshire Playing Fields Association

- c. Newport Olympic Gym Club

38/04-05 Grant Applications

Members considered applications for grants detailed at **Appendix 'D'** and **RESOLVED:**

- a. to award Section 137 Grants as follows:

			CDA*
(1)	NEAT 21	£ 276.00	n
(2)	Beaumaris Singers	£ 200.00	n
(3)	Relate	£ 200.00	n
(4)	Victim Support	£1000.00	+

- b. to award Youth Grants as follows:

(1)	Newport Toy Library	£ 200.00	n
(2)	Burton Borough School	£ 650.00	n
(3)	Oakengates Theatre	£ 50.00	+

***CDA – Crime & Disorder Act**

n = neutral impact

+ = positive impact

TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH COUNCIL (TWBC) MATTERS

39/04-05 Scrutiny Commission – Informal Meeting

Members offered 22 or 23 June 2004 at 6.00 p.m. as an alternative to the meeting originally scheduled for 27 May 2004 and cancelled due to the Borough Mayor-making ceremony.

40/04-05 Recycling of Plastic

Members welcomed responses from Mr Peter Bradley MP and TWBC, **attached at Appendix 'E'**.

41/04-05 Alternating Waste Collection Introduction

Members noted details of the introduction of alternating waste collection arrangements into Newport.

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

42/04-05 Steam Cleaning – High Street

Members drew up the following list of priority areas for steam cleaning in descending order of importance:

- a. Night Club triangle of footpaths
b. Barley Mow to Bellmans Yard

- c. Greggs to New Street
- d. Area between the 2 opticians on the Guildhall side of the High Street
- e. Town Council bus shelter

This list will be used when arranging the steam cleaning to a value of £4250.

43/04-05 Fair Trade Coalition

Members **RESOLVED** that this Council welcomes the initiative of the Fair Trade Coalition to encourage the use of Fair-trade goods; agrees to promote awareness of Fair-trade issues among its employees and the people of Newport and to use Fair-trade goods for its meetings and other catering wherever possible.

44/04-05 CAB Newport

Members noted a report to be presented to the AGM of Citizens Advice Bureaux in Wellington, **attached** at **Appendix 'F'** and recorded their thanks to Mrs Cleaves for her hard work for the people of Newport.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

45/04-05 Community Safety Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 26 May 2004 and **attached** at **Appendix 'G'**.

Cllr David Adams asked that the Committee consider raising with Telford & Wrekin Borough Council the installation of pavement railings outside the Swan Inn at Lower Bar.

Cllr John Barr confirmed that a petition by residents of Boughey Road has been completed and will be presented for the next meeting.

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

46/04-05 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 19 May 2004 and **attached** at **Appendix 'H'**.

47/04-05 Cemetery Land Purchase

Members **RESOLVED** to endorse the recommendation of the Committee at Minute L&ES/7/04-05 and the Town Clerk is

instructed to contact Telford & Wrekin Borough Council to reinstate the option to purchase land from them for burial purposes.

48/04-05 Public Toilets

Members noted the comments relating to the urinal area at Minute **L&ES/8/04-05**.

49/04-05 Newport in Bloom Judging

Members noted the comments encouraging them to participate in the initial judging of residential properties.

50/04-05 CPRE Countryside Voice – Summer 2004

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

51/04-05 ASHTAV News – Spring 2004

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

52/04-05 The County Town

Members noted the publication **attached** at **Appendix 'J'**.

53/04-05 S&News – May 2004

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

54/04-05 Heart of England in Bloom (HEIB)

Cllr Gratton informed members that judging will take place on Friday 16 July 2004 from 10-12 noon followed by lunch. The route is provisionally as follows:

High Street
Station Road
Chetwynd End
Stafford Street or Forton Road.

He reported that the Committee had concentrated this year on improving the amenity beds and providing extra planters. He thanked the Station Road residents who had formed their own group to assist with HEIB, Telford & Wrekin Borough Council and the Guildhall Staff.

The Committee hopes to maintain the standard at least the same as last year's award. They have organised a working morning on Sunday 11 July 2004, meeting at 9.00 a.m. behind the Guildhall, to tackle graffiti unauthorised advertisements, cleaning signs and weeding gutters. Any help would be welcomed.

55/04-05 The Countryside Agency – Rights of Way Act 2000

Members noted the provisional map for Newport, which indicates no registered common land and open country.

56/04-05 CPRE Fieldwork – June 2004

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

57/04-05 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2004.

58/04-05 Local Development Framework Forum Event

Members noted the details of the event to take place on 24 June 2004, **attached at Appendix 'K'**. Cllr Irene Evans will represent the Town Council. Members also noted the public session scheduled for Newport on 20 July 2004.

Signed

Dated