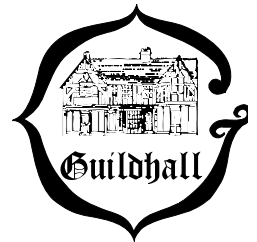


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 10 November 2004
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Sally Wiggin – Town Mayor
Glyn Gratton – Deputy Town Mayor
David Adams
Martyn Edwards
Irene Evans
John Evans
George Franks
Glyn Holland
Bob Unwin

IN ATTENDANCE: D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs Brenda Flowers and Janette Treagust.

156/04-05 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to take questions from the public with regard to the Telecommunication Mast in Tan Bank.

157/04-05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

158/04-05 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A list of the Town Mayor's is **attached** at **Appendix 'A'**.
- b. Members were reminded of the Armistice Day Ceremony to be held at the Cemetery, Audley Avenue, Newport assembling at 10.45 a.m. 11 November 2004.
- c. The attention of members was drawn to the Standards Board newsletter circulated with this month Local Council Review.

- d. Members attending the SALC AGM on 20 November 2004 were reminded that the venue had changed to The Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury.

159/04-05 MINUTES

The Minutes of meetings held on 8 September 2004, 13 October 2004 and 20 October 2004 were approved as a true record.

160/04-05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Telecommunications Mast

Copies of correspondence from Peter Bradley MP, **attached at Appendix 'B'** were circulated together with a response letter, **attached at Appendix 'C'**. A full discussion on this issue had previously taken place during the Public Session.

b. Swimming Pool, Victoria Park, Newport

Members considered a response from Telford and Wrekin Borough Council to queries about the future of the Swimming Pool, **attached at Appendix 'D'**. The carefully couched response did nothing to completely alleviate concerns about the long-term future of the Pool.

FINANCE

161/04-05 Finance Report

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

162/04-05 Thank you Letters

Members noted letters of thanks for grants awarded from:

- a. The Pickled Walnut Theatre Company
- b. Young People's Support Scheme.

163/04-05 Grant Applications

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

- a. **to award section 137 Grants as follows:**

		CDA*
IMPACT	£150.00	+
No Panic	£150.00	n
Newport Music Club	£250.00	n

b. to award Youth Grants as follows:

Lilleshall Cricket Club £220.00 +

*CDA – Crime & Disorder Act

n = neutral impact

+ = positive impact

164/04-05 Auditor's Report 2003/04

Members noted that the only point raised by the Auditors in their report **attached** at **Appendix 'G'** was that all assets should have a value, including nominal values of £1.00. This will be enacted in the 2004/05 Asset Register.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

165/04-05 Forton Road / Stafford Road

Members welcomed the allocation by Telford & Wrekin Borough Council of £12k for traffic calming on Forton Road and £10k for Stafford Road.

166/04-05 Boughey Road

Members considered the speed statistics for the last check on Boughey Road, which took place both eastbound and westbound from Thursday 5 September 2002 to Monday 16 September 2002 and are **attached** at **Appendix 'H'**. They concur with the Borough Council that the number of vehicles exceeding 37 mph, the threshold for prosecution is too small to require traffic calming to be introduced. They did note a trend to speeding in the westbound direction early morning, lunchtime and early evening possibly with people travelling to work. As this also coincides with major pedestrian school traffic, the police will be asked to target this.

The Town Clerk will write to Mr John Barr informing him of these decisions.

167/04-05 Bus Shop outside Boots, High Street, Newport

Members considered a letter from Cllr Rodney Pitt **attached** at **Appendix 'J'**.

The Town Clerk will draw these concerns to the attention of the Borough Council but stress that the Town Council would not condone the removal of the disabled car parking spaces as a

solution. Rather they would support the Bus Stop being resited.

168/04-05 Street Lighting – New Development Beaumaris Road

Members considered a request from the Annabelle Lady Boughey and Mary Roddam Housing Trust, **attached** at **Appendix 'K'**. Whilst the Town Council is prepared to follow the precedent of adopting the street lights once installed for maintenance/supply purposes they are not prepared to meet the costs of installation. The Town Clerk is to clarify the request with Mrs Watson-Todd.

169/04-05 Tmag – Issue No. 3

Members noted receipt of the Newsletter.

170/04-05 Street Naming

As a result of an approach by a relative of a former Councillor wishing to offer the family name as a possible suggestion for the Cattle Market Development, members have been asked by the Borough council to offer suggestions for consideration and also names against future developments.

Members offered two options:

- a. Smithfield Close/Terrace
- b. St. Mary Mews – supported by the History Society

171/04-05 Temporary Traffic Restrictions

Members noted Temporary Traffic Restrictions to be enacted for Remembrance Sunday, 14 November 2004 and the Switching-On of the Christmas Lights on Friday 26 November 2004.

172/04-05 Shropshire Ambulance Service Newsletter – Summer 2004

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

173/04-05 Publications

Members noted receipt of:

- a. Countryside Voice – Autumn 2004
- b. Shropshire Landscapes – Autumn 2004
- c. The Playing Field – Autumn 2004

174/04-05 Burton Borough School Sports Hall Management Group

Cllr Irene Evans was nominated as Town Council representative to the Sports Hall Management Group until May 2005.

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

175/04-05 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of meetings held on 8 September 2004 and 6 October 2004.

176/04-05 Future Development in Telford & Wrekin to 2021

Members noted the procedure to be followed for consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement to be issued in November 2004, **attached at Appendix 'L'**.

177/04-05 Newport Regeneration Partnership

Members noted the Chairmen's Report for 2004, previously circulated.

178/04-05 Shuker Field

Members noted a copy letter from Peter Bradley MP to Telford & Wrekin Borough Council, **attached at Appendix 'M'**.

179/04-05 St. Mary Street, Newport

Members considered a covering letter and survey report on St. Mary Street prepared by the Civic Society and **attached at Appendix 'N'**. They welcomed the initiative of the Society and asked to be included in any further meetings concerning St. Mary Street and feedback from the Borough Council.

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

180/04-05 SALC Executive Meeting – Report

Members noted a Report from a meeting held on 20 September 2004, **attached at Appendix 'P'**.

181/04-05 Wrekin Area Committee – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 16 September 2004, **attached at Appendix 'Q'**.

182/04-05 NALC Annual Review & Accounts 2003/04

Members noted receipt of the Report.

183/04-05 Parish Pump October 2004

Members acknowledged receipt of the SALC newsletter.

184/04-05 Employment Update E12/04

Members noted the new procedures for Statutory Dismissal, Discipline and Grievance circulated to all and **attached at Appendix 'R'**.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

185/04-05 Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees / Review of Restrictions on the Political Activities of Local Authority Employees

Members considered the Consultation Paper previously circulated. A response will be prepared by the Town Clerk to be **attached as Appendix 'S'**. Members supported a view that it is inappropriate for Parish / Town Clerks to stand as elected members at any level of the local authority for the geographical area in which they are employed.

186/04-05 New Ethical Framework Regulations

Members noted a letter from the ODPM. The Town Clerk holds copies of Statutory Instruments Nos. 2617 and 2618, which apply.

TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH MATTERS

187/04-05 Car Parking Charges

- a. Members noted a letter sent by the Newport Regeneration Partnership to the Borough Council **attached at Appendix 'T'**.

- b. The Town Clerk reminded members that a Special Meeting of the Council together with representatives of Wellington Town Council will be held on Wednesday 17 November 2004 at 6.30 p.m.

188/04-05 Newport 2001 Census Profile

Members noted the Census Profile for Newport arising from the 2001 survey, **attached** at **Appendix 'U'**.

189/04-05 Parish Charter

Members expressed their disappointment at the apparent lack of commitment of elected members and senior officers of the Borough Council to fulfil the aspirations of the Parish Charter to achieve fully participatory partnership working. Until all levels of the Borough Council commit to the Charter, it remains a hollow document. The Town Clerk was directed to express these views as part of the consultation process into revising / updating the Charter.

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

190/04-05 Town Mayor's Guidelines

Following a report from the Town Clerk it was **RESOLVED** that **Civic Sunday, whilst being hosted by the Town Mayor, should be a "free" event to thank representatives of the local community for their contribution to the town. A guest list will be compiled and be vetted by the Town Mayor and will still include civic leaders as considered appropriate. Other members may suggest additional names to the Mayor for inclusion. The Council will place £500 within the Annual Budget to meet the costs of the event.**

The Civic Ball will remain strictly within the prerogative and discretion of the Town Mayor.

The Town Clerk will reissue the Guidelines for the Town Mayor to include these revisions.

191/04-05 Adams' Grammar School – 350th Anniversary

Members considered a letter from the Grammar School **attached** at **Appendix 'V'**. The Town Clerk is to notify the Anniversary Committee that the Council would be happy to nominate representatives to attend any meetings and offer ideas for celebrations to mark the anniversary.

192/04-05 Recognition of Mr Sinclair Thomas

It was **RESOLVED** that **Bronze Medal winner at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games, Mrs Sinclair Thomas** be invited as a **Guest of Honour to the Switching-on of the Christmas Lights** and to be presented with an engraved **Silver Salver**.

193/04-05 ASHTAV Seminar & AGM

A report on the AGM prepared by Cllrs Irene and John Evans is **attached** at **Appendix 'W'**. Both expressed their enjoyment of the event and suggested Newport might host the event in the future.

194/04-05 Salopian Recorder

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

Signed

Dated