



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 9 November 2005
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Glyn Gratton – Town Mayor
Janette Treagust – Deputy Town Mayor
Martyn Edwards
Irene Evans
John Evans
Brenda Flowers
George Franks
Glyn Holland
Adrian Meredith
Bob Unwin
Sally Wiggin

IN ATTENDANCE D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr David Adams.

147/05-06 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **suspend the meeting to enable members of the public to raise issues and questions pertaining to Road Traffic Schemes, the subject of Minute 150/05-06.**

148/05-06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr George Franks declared an interest in the grant application for Newport Cricket Club as a member of the fund-raising committee and withdrew from the meeting when this item was considered.

149/05-06 NORTH TELFORD RIGHTS OF WAY (ROW) PROJECT

Mr Bob King, ROW officer, extended his apologies to the meeting due to illness. Mr Neal Roderick presented the Definitive Map for Newport on Mr King's behalf.

150/05-06 ROAD TRAFFIC SCHEMES

Mr Neal Roderick briefed members on two proposed schemes for Newport and area, one to introduce a 20 mph zone to the High Street and the other making provision for a mobile speed camera location on Edmond Road. Sample sized maps are **attached** at **Appendix 'A'**. Full sized maps were available at the meeting for consideration.

Also discussed was a letter – **attached** at **Appendix 'B'**.

Mr Roderick commenced his briefing by stating that the proposals to introduce a 20 mph zone in Newport town centre was a consultation which ultimately aimed to improve the aesthetics and visibility for pedestrians and motorists whilst slowing speeds and making the area safer.

He detailed the proposed changes individually but the salient features were:

- a. The gateway feature at the Wellington Road / Upper Bar junction will encompass a raised table similar to that at Salters Lane which will discourage HGV traffic from using the High Street as a cut-through and is the proposed alternative to the earlier idea of a double mini-roundabout which is not feasible.
- b. A change of priority at Stafford Street to allow the creation of a zebra crossing. The mini-roundabout would be removed as it would not be legal to have a crossing so close. This would again discourage cut-through traffic.
- c. To establish a 20 mph zone requires traffic feature every 60m hence the pinch points and build outs.

A majority of members chose not to support removal of the mini-roundabout and change of traffic priority into Stafford Street.

They expressed concerns regarding funeral vehicles being prevented from parking outside St. Nicholas Church.

There was concern that the pinch points would cause congestion and that the raised table could make pedestrians feel less safe at a busy crossing point.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Charles and Mr Roderick for their attendance.

151/05-06 ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. A copy of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached** at **Appendix 'C'**.
- b. Members welcomed the response from BT Payphones **attached** at **Appendix 'D'** to retain the payphone is Stafford Road.

152/05-06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2005 were approved as a true record.

153/05-06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Budget Meeting scheduled for 23 November 2005**

It was confirmed that the meeting had been rescheduled to 16 November 2005.

FINANCE

154/05-06 Finance Report

The Finance Report for October 2005, **attached** at **Appendix 'E'** and the payments therein, were approved/ratified.

155/05-06 Revenue Budget Spend Report

Members noted the Revenue Spend to 31 September 2005, **attached** at **Appendix 'F'**.

156/05-06 Grant Applications

Members considered applications for grants detailed at **Appendix 'G'** and **RESOLVED** to award grants as follows:

a.	Section 137	C&DA*
	St. Nicholas Church	£100.00 (n)
	Beaumaris Singers	£200.00 (n)
	Newport Music Club	£250.00 (n)
	Shropshire Drama League	£50.00 (n)
	Telford Crime Prevention Panel	£100.00 (+)
b.	Section 19	
	Newport Cricket Club	£250.00 (+)
	Nova United Junior FC	£250.00 (+)

c. Youth Fund

Childline Midlands & East Anglia	£100.00	(n)
Club 17	£50.00	(n)

* Crime & Disorder Act n = neutral
+ = positive

157/06-07 Memorial Bench – Mr John Whitehead

Members **RESOLVED** to purchase a bench in memory of the late John Whitehead, Newport's Town Crier to be sited in the vicinity of the mini-roundabout on Stafford Road at Daniels Cross at a maximum cost of £600.00, money to be taken from balances.

TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH COUNCIL (T&WBC) MATTERS

158/05-06 Independent Race Equality Service

Members noted a letter from the T&W Partnership **attached** at **Appendix 'H'**.

159/05-06 Adlib – Autumn Term 2005

Members noted receipt of the Abraham Darby School newsletter.

160/05-06 Licensing and Planning Applications

Members considered an e-mail response **attached** at **Appendix 'J'** to their concerns that the Licensing and Planning Departments are not liaising about applications to vary Licensing Hours and expressed their concern about the apparent lack of coherent policy between the two departments.

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

161/05-06 Information Technology Policy

Members **RESOLVED** to adopt a policy, detailed at **Appendix 'K'**, to establish how communication mechanisms within the Town Council offices are utilised and which staff will be required to comply with.

162/05-06 Salopian Recorder – Autumn 2005

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

163/05-06 Police Service Restructuring

Members considered the position of the West Mercia Constabulary in the light of proposals to restructure policing in England and Wales, detailed at **Appendix 'L'** and **RESOLVED to send in individual responses.**

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

164/05-06 Countryside Voice – Autumn 2005

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

165/05-06 ASHTAV News 2005 – Issue 3

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

166/05-06 The Heart of England Magazine – Autumn 2005

Members noted an extract from the magazine concerning the In Bloom regional winners, **attached at Appendix 'M'**.

167/05-06 Plant Trees, Save the Planet

Members noted an extract from the Wellington News concerning tree planting on a 7 acre field in Admaston, owned by the Borough Council, **attached at Appendix 'N'**. The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Leader of the Borough Council suggesting a similar use of the Marsh Fields site.

168/05-06 NT3P Minutes

Members noted receipt of Minutes of meetings held on 22 March 2005 and 27 September 2005, **attached at Appendix 'P'**.

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

169/05-06 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 12 October 2005.

170/05-06 Street Naming – land between Cock Alley and Tuckers Place

The original suggestion of the developer to name the new road Masons Court was felt to be potentially confusing in the light of the existence of Masons Place. Suggested alternative options to retain the link with the Mason family and its profession were:

- Butchers Court
- Butchers Row
- Butchers Place

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

171/05-06 Parish Pump – September 2005

Members acknowledged receipt of the September issue.

172/05-06 Local Council Review – November 2005

Members acknowledged receipt of the November issue.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

173/05-06 Town & Parish Standards: 05-November 2005

Members acknowledged receipt of the November newsletter, circulated with the Local Council Review.

Signed

Dated