



Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 13 July 2005
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Brenda Flowers,
Cllr Glyn Holland, Cllr Sally Wiggin and Cllr Adrian Meredith

The meeting commenced with a Minutes Silence to mark the dead and injured following terrorist bombings in London on 7 July 2005 and the death of Mr John Whitehead, the Town Crier on 11 July 2005.

49/05-06 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

There being no members of the public present, the meeting continued without suspension.

50/05-06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

51/05-06 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- b. Members were informed of an invitation to attend a Civic Service hosted by the Chairman of Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II. It will be held at St. Matthews Church, Donnington on 4 September 2005 commencing at 6.00 p.m.
- c. The following newsletters have been received:
 - (1) Shropshire Landscapes
 - (2) Salopian Recorder

52/05-06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2005 were approved as a true record.

52/05-06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. BT Public Payphone (Minutes 44/05-06)

To date the Town Clerk has received over 50 responses with a slight majority favouring retention of the payphone. Closing date for replies is 15 July 2005.

FINANCE

54/05-06 Finance Report

The Finance Report for June 2005, attached at Appendix 'B', and the payments therein were approved/ratified.

55/05-06 Thank You Letters

Thank You letters for grants awarded have been received from:

- a. Relate
- b. Newport P's and Q's

56/05-06 Grant Application

Members considered a request to support a sports drop-in session at the Burton Borough Sports Hall for 16-19 year olds during the summer holidays and detailed at Appendix 'C'.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £240.00 from Section 19 monies. It was determined that this award would have a positive impact under the Crime & Disorder Acts.

AUDIT 2004/05

57/05-06 Internal Auditor's Report

Members considered and accepted the Internal Auditor's Report to the Council covering the Audit Period 2004/05 and attached at Appendix 'D'.

58/05-06 End of Year Accounts for Audit

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the End of Year Accounts 2004/05, to be submitted to the external auditors, "Hacker Young" and attached at Appendix 'E'.

59/05-06 Statement of Assurance

Members considered, formulated and **RESOLVED** to submit the responses to the Statement of Assurance as detailed at Appendix 'F'.

60/05-06 External Auditors Supplementary Assurances Information

Members noted and approved the contents list of Supplementary Assurances Information to be submitted to the External Auditors and attached at Appendix 'G'.

61/05-06 Authorisation by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the signing off of the 2004/05 Accounts and Annual Return by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk.

62/05-06 Reappointment of Internal Auditor

It was **RESOLVED** to invite Mr R. E. Bennett to act as Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2005/06.

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

63/05-06 Public Toilets

There has been a recent a spate of on-going vandalism to the public toilets. Once the full costs for repairs have been received, a report will be prepared for consideration by the Leisure & Environmental Services Committee as part of the Budget Proposals for 2006/07.