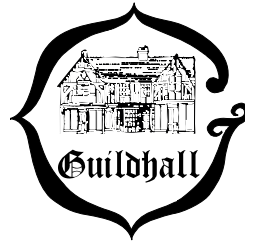


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



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Ref: DLH/SFA

8 February 2007

Dear Sir / Madam

I hereby give you notice that there will be a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** at **7.00 p.m.** on **Wednesday 14 February 2007** at **The Guildhall, High Street, Newport.**

Yours attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

D. L. Halliday
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. to receive Declarations of Interest. Members need only declare any interest they may have in items of business on this Agenda.
3. To welcome Mr Steve Wellings, Chief Executive Telford & Wrekin Council, to the meeting.
4. To receive announcements. A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached**.
5. To confirm the Minutes of meeting held on 10 January 2007 and 31 January 2007 – copies **attached**.
6. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.

To consider matters as itemised under the following headings:

7. FINANCE

a. To approve the Finance Report for January 2007 – to follow.

b. Revenue Budget Spend Report

To note the 3-monthly Revenue Spend Report copy – **attached**.

c. Thank You Letters

Letters of thanks for grants awarded have been received from:

Heart of England in Bloom	(Annual Budget Grant)
Newport Carnival	(Annual Budget Grant)
Newport Male Voice Choir	(Annual Budget Grant)
Nova United Junior Football Club	

d. Grant Applications

Details of applications for grants from the Town Council are **attached**. There is £1775 available in Section 137 General Grants and £650 in Section 19 money.

e. Section 137

The cash limit for 2007/08 for Section 137 has been set at £5.74 per elector.

f. Risk Management and Internal Control

To review the Risk Assessment and Management and Internal Control procedures – copies **attached**. Last reviewed February 2006.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Audley Avenue – Dangerous Traffic

To consider a letter from a resident of Audley Avenue – copy **attached**.

b. Norbroom Court

To consider a suggestion regarding Street name Signs at Norbroom Court – copy **attached**.

c. Telford & Wrekin Street Lighting

To note a letter sent to Telford & Wrekin Council regarding repairs to Highway Lighting – copy **attached**.

d. Stafford Street Bus Park

To note a letter regarding the Bus Park – copy **attached**.

e. New Street – Parking Restrictions

To receive a proposal from Cllr Glyn Gratton.

f. Street Lighting New Works

Town Clerk to brief members.

9. LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (L&ES)

a. Leisure & Environmental Services Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 24 January 2007. – copy **attached**.

b. Allotment Provision

To consider a letter sent to Telford & Wrekin Council regarding continuity of allotment provision in Newport.

c. SK8 Park

The Town Clerk has been informed that a full consultation with local residents bordering the proposed SK8 Park site was conducted over two weeks in December. The majority were in favour, one resident remains totally opposed to the initiative and one asked for noise reduction and possible screening. As a result the plans will now involve a breeze block screen wall, treated with anti-graffiti paint and a tree planting scheme shielding the wall. Ultimately the SK8 Park group are hoping to enact some street art on the wall to discourage vandalism.

10. TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. **Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes**

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 10 January 2007 – previously circulated.

b. **W2006/0148 16-20 Stafford Street, Newport**

To note the Minutes of the Plans Board Meeting which dealt with this application and in particular the final resolution. It is understood that the applicant has now withdrawn his intent to appeal and is in discussion with the Planning Department.

c. **T-Mobile Pre-application Consultation Proposed Base Station**

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk.

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

a. **Meeting with External Auditors**

SALC have arranged a meeting for Clerks / RFO's with the external auditors UHY Hacker Young who have been re-contracted for the next 5 years, on 5 March 2007 which Mrs Parnham will attend.

b. **Introduction to Local Councils**

The Guildhall will be used to host a SALC event to promote interest in serving on local councils prior to the elections. It will take place on 19 March 2007 at 7.00 p.m. details **attached**.

c. **Local Democracy Pack**

- To be tabled.

12. EU MATTERS

13. NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT (WMRA)

a. **West Midlands Regional Assembly – Revised Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)**

To consider a response to the consultation on revised options for housing and employment as proposed in the RSS – previously circulated. Possible Draft comments will follow.

14. TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) MATTERS

a. **Ethical Standards Bulletin Winter 2006/07 Edition**

- Copy **attached**.

b. **Consultation on Amendments to the Code of Conduct**

To consider the main purpose changes proposed to the code as summarised – copy **attached**. Any comments are required by 9 March 2007 with the revised Code coming into force in time for the May 2007 local elections.

c. **LDF Design for Community Safety**

A supplementary Planning Document has been received for comment by 21 March 2007. It will be circulated in time for the March meeting.

d. **Environmental Enforcement Contracts**

To note new arrangements as detailed in the copy **attached**.

e. **Audley Avenue Rising Bollard Proposals**

To consider the proposals as detailed in the copy **attached**.

15. RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. **Meeting Dates 2007/08**

A copy of the Town Council meeting dates for municipal Year 2007/08 is **attached**.

b. **Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 4 April 2007 at The Cosy Hall, Water Lane, Newport. Mr Mathew James of Telford & Wrekin Council will give a presentation on Recycling and take questions.

c. **Quarterly Newsletter**

The Town Mayor has asked that members investigate the possibility of producing a Quarterly Newsletter for all householders detailing the work of the council.

Distribution to:

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(Adams, Edwards, Evans I, Evans J, Franks, Flowers, Gratton, Holland, Meredith, Treagust, Unwin, Wiggin).

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