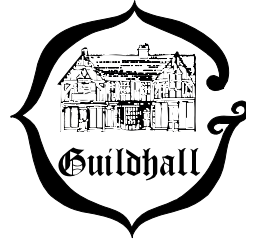


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



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Ref: DLH/SFA

7 December 2006

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 13 December 2006** at **The Guildhall, High Street, Newport.**

Your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

D. L. Halliday
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To vote to suspend the meeting for up to 30 Minutes to take public questions.
3. To receive Declarations of Interest. Members need only declare any interest they may have in items of business on this Agenda.
4. To receive announcements. A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached**.
5. To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 8 November & 22 November 2006 –copies **attached**.
6. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.

To consider matters as itemised under the following headings:

7. FINANCE

a. Finance Report

To approve the Finance Report for November 2006 – to follow.

b. External Audit 2005/06

A copy of the Certificate and Opinion of the External Auditor, to the Town Council's Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2006, is **attached**.

c. 2007/2008 Budget Report

A report of the Budget prepared from the meeting held on 22 November 2006 is **attached** for adoption at this meeting.

The procedure detailed below should be followed in dealing with this report:

- (1)** The Town Mayor will call for a mover and seconder for each of the 25 recommendations in turn. See:

B/1/2006 – 22

B/2/2006 – 2

B/3/2006 – 1

- (2)** The proposition having been moved and seconded, the Town Mayor will invite any amendment and then put these and the Budget recommendations to the Vote.

*** AMENDMENT TO BUDGET SHEETS ***

- (1) LSN 20 Elections should now read £5000**

- (2) Can insert a new LSN 234 to consider making a grant to the Newport Cottage Care Centre to help with costs of replacing the Mini-bus.**

NOTE: The Town Mayor may deal in the following way with the Recommendations as he considers appropriate.

- (a) One at a time
 - (b) Taking each Budget Page separate
 - (c) Altogether at the end of the exercise
- (3) The “Free Resource”**

When moving the sums of money to be awarded as grants / special projects (Section 137- page 6) the RESOLUTION should take the following format:

“It is RESOLVED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the Council approves the payment of the sum of £_ x_ in respect of General Grants, £_x_ in respect of Youth Projects etc.” thereby itemising each individual item included on Page 6.

(4) Precept

When moving the Precept, the RESOLUTION should take the following format:

“It is RESOLVED that a Precept requiring the Borough of Telford & Wrekin to pay £_x_ to Newport Town Council to meet its 2007 / 2008 Expenditure, be issued.”

d. Thank You Letters

Letters of thanks for grants awarded have been received from:

Newport Music Club
Age Concern Newport

8. TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting - Minutes

To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2006 – previously circulated.

b. Borough of Telford & Wrekin Plans Board – Minutes

At a meeting of the Plans Board held on 11 October 2006, the first item for consideration (PB47) was confirmation of a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) made in respect of 12 individual trees and three groups of trees on land between Newport Cemetery and the A41.

The Town Clerk feels it is important that you see the full minute, copy **attached**, as objection to the inclusion of the Lombardy Poplars on the Serck Audco Playing Fields was made by a housing developer and appears to have included comments from the lead officer on the Council Local Development Framework Team.

The decision to protect the Lombardy Poplars seems to have a temporary caveat which must be born in mind for the future.

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

a. Strong & Prosperous Communities – NALC Briefing

To consider the latest Government proposals for Local Government, deferred from November 2006 meeting.

b. City Region Proposal

To consider a letter and pro-forma from SALC concerning Telford's proposal to be included in the City Region – copy **attached**.

10. EU MATTERS

11. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

a. Visit to House of Commons

To consider an invitation from Mark Pritchard MP to visit the House of Commons in the New Year 2007 – copy **attached**.

b. Green Apple Awards

To note a letter from Mark Pritchard MP – copy **attached**.

12. TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH COUNCIL (T&WBC) MATTERS

a. Mobile Telephone Masts

To note a response from the Leader of the Council – copy **attached**.

b. Newport High Street Pavements

Following on from comments raised by Cllr Meredith with regard to the Borough's intent to re-lay the High Street pavements, the Town Clerk took the opportunity, having received a letter from an Edgmond resident, to request information from the Leader of the Council – copy **attached**.

c. Traffic Management Capital Programme

To consider an update on the Traffic Management Capital Programme and a request for other suggestions, deferred from November 2006 meeting.

d. Scrutiny Review of Borough Council Street Lighting

To consider an invitation to comment on the street lighting in the borough – copy **attached**.

e. Draft Service Level Agreement (SLA)

The Borough Council have prepared a draft SLA for use between their Human Resources Section and Parish Councils to advise on Human Resource issues for parishes as detailed in the copy **attached**. Members may wish to consider this as a possible option for the future.

f. Parishes Forum Meeting

To note the Agenda for the next meeting on 11 December 2006 together with the Minutes of the previous meeting – copies **attached**.

13. RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Standing Orders

To note legal advice from the Society of Local Council Clerks published in the November 2006 newsletter concerning the "six month rule" – copy **attached**.

b. Birmingham Post Article

To note the lead article in the Property Section of the Birmingham Post - copy **attached**.

c. Heart of England Magazine – Winter 2006

To note an article summarising the Heart of England in Bloom results mentioning Newport – copy **attached**.

d. Fieldwork – December 2006

- To be tabled.

14. COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Trench Lock Interchange – Bicycle use

To note a letter sent through the auspices of T&W Bug – copy **attached**.

b. Rural Funding for Cycle Parking and Dropped Kerbs

To consider a letter concerning the Rural Access to Services Programme and one phase which is to improve cycle parking and the provision of dropped kerbs – copy **attached**.

15. LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

a. Allotments Regeneration Initiative 2002-2006

- To be tabled.

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