



# Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



## MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on

Wednesday 12 April 2006

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Glyn Gratton –Town Mayor  
Janette Treagust – Deputy Town Mayor  
David Adams  
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 Martyn Edwards and Cllr Irene Evans.

### 290/05-06 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

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

### 291/05-06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Brenda Flowers declared interests in matters relating to the Borough Mayor's Charity, the Annabelle Lady Boughey charity and items relating to the Borough Scrutiny Committee to which she would not speak.

Cllr Janette Treagust declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Annabelle Lady Boughey Charity, and Cllr Sally Wiggin declared a non-prejudicial interest in Adams Grammar School celebrations.

### 292/05-06 ADAMS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL 350<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Town Mayor welcomed Sarah Peaceful Events co-ordinator and Gill Barber, Marketing Manager to the meeting.

Miss Peaceful detailed the format for a full year's celebration of the anniversary, highlighting those events open to the public and giving a flavour of the in-house events. The main public event will be the Civil War Re-enactment on 28 and 29 May 2006. Details of this and the full calendar of events contained in the Commemorative Brochure are held in the Council Offices.

## **293/05-06 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached at Appendix 'A'**.
- b. Members were notified of changes to local bus services as detailed at **Appendix 'B'**.
- c. Members were notified of nominations being sought for membership of NALC Larger Local Councils Committee 2007, **attached at Appendix 'C'**.
- d. The Defra information letter of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 was circulated to members, **attached at Appendix 'D'**. The Town Clerk has requested a full copy of the parish council guide.
- e. A copy of details for an On-line Forum of the Wrekin Area Committee was circulated, detailed at **Appendix 'E'**.
- f. A copy of a News Release for the Green Wood Centre was circulated, **attached at Appendix 'F'**.

## **294/05-06 MINUTES**

The Minutes of a meeting held on 8 March 2006 were approved as a true record.

## **FINANCE**

### **295/05-06 Finance Report**

The Finance Report for March 2006, **attached at Appendix 'G'** and the payments therein, were approved/ratified. Cheque No. 936 is to be voided since the Wedding Licence renewal is not due until December 2006.

### **296/05-06 Thank You Letters**

Members noted a thank you letter received from the Burton Borough School for a grant awarded to the Bands.

**297/05-06 Direct Debits 2006/07**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the list of Direct Debits set up to meet expenditure from 1 April 2006 for the Financial Year 2006/07 and detailed at Appendix 'H'.

**298/05-06 Revenue Spend Report**

Members noted the Revenue Spend to 31 January 2006, **attached** at Appendix 'J'.

**299/05-06 Borough Mayor's Charity**

Members considered a request from Cllr John Sadler, Mayor of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin to support the Mayoral Charity. It was **RESOLVED to continue the policy of not donating Section 137 monies directly to the Borough Mayor's Charity particularly since many of the charities to be aided may have already received Town Council grant aid.**

**LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (L&ES)**

**300/05-06 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee Meeting – Minutes**

Members noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2006, **attached** at Appendix 'K'.

**301/05-06 Green Apple Awards**

Members noted a letter from Mark Pritchard MP, **attached** at Appendix 'L'.

**302/05-06 Dog Fouling**

Members considered a letter from Audit and Scrutiny at the Borough of Telford & Wrekin **attached** at Appendix 'M'. If members become aware of any "hot spots" they will pass this information directly to the Borough. The Town Clerk was directed to send a general response, highlighting the current partnership working in providing bins capable of taking dog waste.

**303/05-06 Christmas Lights**

It was **RESOLVED** to allocate up to £800 from balances to purchase 2 additional column displays if suitable second hand items become available.

**304/05-06 Countryside Voice – Special Issue**

Members noted receipt of the magazine.

## **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **305/05-06 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes**

Members noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2006.

### **306/05-06 Street Naming – Development off Salters Lane, Newport**

The original suggestion of the Town Council to name the street leading into the development as “Church View” has been rejected by the Post Office. It was **RESOLVED to offer the name “Stable Yard” as an alternative.**

## **SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

### **307/05-06 SALC – Wrekin Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

Members noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2006, **attached at Appendix ‘N’.**

### **308/05-06 SALC Extraordinary General Meeting**

Members noted that as EGM to consider the future local governance of the County Council area, is to be held on 22 April 2006.

## **NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS**

### **309/05-06 Changes to Policing – Home Office Response**

Members noted a response from the Home Office **attached at Appendix ‘P’.**

### **310/05-06 Action News – Spring 2006**

Members noted receipt of the Regional Action West Midlands News letter.

## **TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH COUNCIL (T&WBC) MATTERS**

### **311/05-06 Ethical Standards Bulletin – Winter/Spring 2005/06**

Members noted receipt of the Bulletin **attached at Appendix ‘Q’.**

### **312/05-06 Superintendent Registrar’s Hours**

Members noted receipt of a letter **attached at Appendix ‘R’.**

The current Licence approving the Guildhall for weddings/Civil partnerships and baby naming ceremonies expires in June 2007. Application for renewal was time barred from taking advantage of the existing rate of £550 for a three year licence. £600 had been placed in the Budget to meet the costs of the new licence. Following discussions with the Registrar's office, the Town Clerk has negotiated an interim licence fee of £750 for the next three years rather than the commercial rate of £950. In 2010 when it is next due for renewal, the Town Council will have to consider whether it is prepared to meet the full commercial cost of a licence.

**313/05-06 Redevelopment of Telford Town Centre & District Centre Regeneration**

Members noted a response **attached** at **Appendix 'S'**.

**RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION**

**314/05-06 Annabelle Lady Boughey Charity**

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Mrs Eva Allan to continue to fill a vacancy on the Charity.

**315/05-06 Salopian Recorder – Spring 2006**

Members noted receipt of the Shropshire Archives newsletter.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**316/05-06 Rural Bus Service**

Members noted a letter from Mark Pritchard MP **attached** at **Appendix 'T'**.

**317/05-06 CCTV**

Members noted a response from the Borough Council to queries relating to the inclusion of Newport's CCTV system within a Borough-wide system, **attached** at **Appendix 'U'**.

**318/05-06 Telford Crime Prevention Panel**

Members noted a letter detailing the work of the Panel and referred it to the June Town Council meeting for consideration for grant funding.

**319/05-06 Bus Shelter outside NatWest Bank**

Members considered a request from the Borough Council to change and relocate the bus shelter outside the NatWest Bank.

It was **RESOLVED** not to approve the installation of a new shelter to the design suggested by the Borough Council outside the NatWest Bank and to relocate the existing shelter.

In explanation a majority of members felt that there had been sufficient disruption to the High Street and that the suggested change would not necessarily improve the situation with regard to school children congregating at the end of the School day.

**320/05-06 T&W Bicycle User Group (BUG)**

Members noted the minutes of the T&WBUG held on 20 February 2006, **attached** at **Appendix 'V'**. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 June 2006 in Committee Room 2 at the Civic Offices, Telford, commencing at 6.30 p.m. not as stated at the meeting

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Signed .....

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