



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

held on  
**Wednesday 10 May 2006**  
at  
**the Guildhall, High Street, Newport**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: David Adams  
Irene Evans  
John Evans  
Brenda Flowers  
Glyn Gratton  
Glyn Holland  
Adrian Meredith  
Janette Treagust  
Bob Unwin  
Sally Wiggin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** have been received from Cllr George Franks for three months due to ill health and Cllr Martyn Edwards

Cllr Glyn Gratton chaired the commencement of the meeting as the current Town Mayor.

### **1/06-07      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr David Adams declared an interest in matters relating to sponsorship of the Newport Show as a show committee member and took no part in discussions on this items.

### **2/06-07      ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Glyn Gratton was duly elected to serve as Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/07 and following a Declaration of Acceptance Office chaired the remainder of the meeting. He thanked members for their continued support and help.

### **3/06-07      ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Janette Treagust was duly elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/07 and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**4/06-07**

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Accepting that the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are by their appointments ex-officio members of all Standing Committees, the remaining members are as listed below:

**a. Community Safety**

Cllr John Evans  
Cllr Brenda Flowers  
Cllr Glyn Holland  
Cllr Bob Unwin  
Cllr Sally Wiggin

**b. Leisure & Environmental Services**

Cllr Irene Evans  
Cllr John Evans  
Cllr Brenda Flowers  
Cllr Adrian Meredith  
Cllr Bob Unwin

**c. Planning & Economic Development**

Cllr David Adams  
Cllr Martyn Edwards  
Cllr John Evans  
Cllr Brenda Flowers  
Cllr Adrian Meredith

**5/06-07**

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**a. Wrekin Area Committee (of SALC)**

Cllr John Evans  
Cllr Sally Wiggin

**b. Police Community Consultative Committee**

Cllr Glyn Holland

**c. Wrekin & District Sports Advisory Committee**

Cllr Martyn Edwards  
Cllr John Evans

**d. Citizens Advice Bureau**

Cllr Irene Evans

**e. Newport Regeneration Partnership**

Cllr Glyn Gratton (with voting rights)  
Cllr Janette Treagust

**f. Newport Youth Café**

Cllr Janette Treagust

**g. Cottage Care Centre**

Cllr Brenda Flowers

**h. Cosy Hall Management Committee**

Cllr David Adams

**j. Telford & Wrekin Voluntary & Community Forum**

Cllr Janette Treagust

**6/06-07 SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting for up to 30 Minutes to take questions from members of the public pertaining to the 20 mph zone in the town centre.

Comments were addressed by members when discussing this topic at Minute 13/06-07.

**7/06-07 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. A copy of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached** at **Appendix 'A'**.
- b. Members were informed of a temporary road closure order for St. Mary's Street, on Sunday 14 May 2006.

**8/06-07 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2006 were approved as a true record.

**FINANCE**

**9/06-07 Finance Report**

The Finance Report for April 2006, **attached** at **Appendix 'B'** and the payments therein, were approved/ratified.

**10/06-07 Thank You Letters**

Members noted letters of thanks for grants awarded received from:

- a. **Forton Cricket Club**
- b. **Newport Regeneration Partnership**
- c. **Crucial Crew 2006**
- d. **The Loyal Newport Volunteers**

**11/06-07 Legacy**

Members noted the generous legacy of £250 left by Miss May Beatrice Bye to be used towards the Newport in Bloom campaign and **RESOLVED that it should be used to purchase a flower planter inscribed with her name.**

**12/06-07 Newport Show Sponsorship**

Members considered options available for sponsoring the Newport Show detailed at **Appendix 'C'** and **RESOLVED to award a Section 137 grant of £100 + VAT to sponsor the show to be held on 15 July 2006.** This grant is considered to have a neutral impact under the Crime & Disorder Act.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**13/06-07 High Street 20 mph zone**

Members considered points raised by the public during the public session covering:

- a. problems relating to the bus stop outside the Literary Institute.
- b. aesthetics of the scheme.
- c. poor consultation

The history of the consultation process and the move to institute works had been explained during the public session. The Borough Council are consulting with the bus companies to prevent buses sitting waiting on the High Street to make up timetable. Consultation regarding the Butter Cross had been instituted with funeral directors.

It was accepted that there had been much upheaval during works and these were still incomplete. A majority of members still supported the thrust of the 20 mph zone initiative to reduce traffic speed, make the area safer for pedestrians and deter through traffic using the High Street as a "rat run", rather than using the By-pass.

The full impact of the scheme could not be tested until all works were completed and law enforcement could be instituted if necessary. It was therefore agreed by a majority of members to monitor the scheme closely once it was fully operational.

The Town Clerk will continue to liaise with the Borough Council on specific issues such as the bus stop and raise items as and when they occur relating to the scheme.

**14/06-07      Cycling Leaflets: Route 81 Shrewsbury to Wellington and Wellington to Albrighton**

Members welcomed the proposed cycling leaflets, copies of which are **attached at Appendix 'D'** and asked that consideration be given to developing similar leaflets for Route 75 in Newport.

**15/06-07      Shropshire Ambulance Service Newsletter – Spring 2006**

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

**16/06-07      Police Restructuring**

Members considered correspondence from the West Mercia Police Authority, **attached at Appendix 'E'**, challenging the proposed enforced merger of local forces by the Home Secretary. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Home Office supporting West Mercia Police Authority's case.**

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

**17/06-07      Burial Law & Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Members were informed that a copy of the report summarising the response to the consultation paper of 2004 and outlining the way forward has been received. Relevant sections will be reproduced for consideration by the L&ES Committee.

**18/06-07      NT3P Meeting – Minutes**

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 23 March 2006, **attached at Appendix 'F'**.

**19/06-07      ASHTAV News – 2006 Issue 1**

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

**20/06-07 Environment Agency Focus – Spring 2006**

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**21/06-07 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes**

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 12 April 2006.

**22/06-07 Local Development Scheme – April 2006**

Members acknowledged receipt of the revised scheme and timetable, the master copy of which is held in the Council offices.

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

**23/06-07 Parish Pump – April 2006**

Members acknowledged receipt of the Parish Pump.

**24/06-07 Local Council Review – May 2006**

Members acknowledged receipt of the newsletter.

**NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS**

**25/06-07 Towns Alive – Spring 2006**

Members noted receipt of the Newsletter from the West Midlands Market Towns.

**26/06-07 Local Authority Byelaws in England**

Members considered a discussion paper **attached** at **Appendix 'G'**. They supported the premise that if Bye-laws are to continue as a means of regulating certain activities, then it is important that they be confirmed by a single body to maintain equality of purpose.

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

**27/06-07 Code of Conduct Training 2006-05-23**

Members noted the training sessions arranged by the Borough Council for 2006 **attached at Appendix 'H'**. Members will inform the Town Clerk which sessions they will attend.

**28/06-07 Telford & Wrekin CVS Newsletter – Issue 2 2006**

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

**29/06-07 Town Centre Regeneration Meeting**

Members considered notes taken from a meeting with Borough Council representatives **attached at Appendix 'J'**. They welcomed increased co-operation and partnership working.

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