



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on

Wednesday 8 November 2006

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Martyn Edwards.

186/06-07 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to take public questions. Notes taken during this session are attached at Appendix 'A'.

187/06-07 SK8 PARK

Members welcomed Mr Derek Owen, Mr Mark Simpson and 4 Youth Co-ordinators to the meeting to update the Council on progress with the SK8 Park project. A copy of the Presentation is attached at **Appendix 'B'**.

Members thanked the group for their presentation and promised continued support for the project which it is hoped will be built in Summer 2007.

188/06-07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Irene Evans and Cllr Brenda Flowers both registered interests in the grant application from the Rainbow Club and took no part in the determination.

189/06-07 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached** at **Appendix 'C'**.

190/06-07 MINUTES

The Minutes of meetings held on 11 October 2006 and 25 October 2006 were approved as a true record.

FINANCE

191/06-07 Finance Report

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

192/06-07 Revenue Budget Spend Report

Members noted the 3-monthly Revenue Budget Spend Report to 30 September 2006 **attached** at **Appendix 'E'**.

193/06-07 Grant Applications

Members considered applications for grants detailed at **Appendix 'F'** and **RESOLVED** to award grants as follows:

a.	Section 137	£	CDA*
	Newport Music Club	257.00	n
	Newport Rainbow Club	100.00	n
	Age Concern Newport	100.00	n
	West Mercia Police Authority	250.00	+
	Listen & Care self-help Group	No Grant	
	Mark's Pit Stop	50.00	+
	East Shropshire Talking Newspaper	200.00	n
b.	Section 19		
	Nova United Junior FC	250.00	+
	Newport Cricket Club (Junior Section)	250.00	+
	Newport Swimming Club	250.00	+
	*CDA Crime & Disorder Act	=	+ positive n neutral

194/06-07 The Green Book

Members welcomed the Gold category awarded to Newport Town Council's Worm Farm in the Green Apple awards for Environmental

Best Practice. In order that best practice can be made available around the world, it was **RESOLVED to take an entry in The Green Book 2007 at a cost of cost of £525 + VAT. The Green Book is circulated internationally to 20,000 environmental practitioners.**

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

195/06-07 SALC Annual Report 2005-2006

Members noted receipt of the Report.

196/06-07 SALC Chairmanship Training

Members noted the details for the next phase of Chairmanship Training **attached at Appendix 'G'**.

197/06-07 Strong & Prosperous Communities – NALC Briefing Notes

Members considered the Briefing Notes **attached at Appendix 'H'**. It was **RESOLVED to defer this item to the December meeting to allow fuller discussion.**

NATIONAL / REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

198/06-07 RAF Cosford

Members considered a response **attached at Appendix 'J'**. They expressed continued concern at reports that the contract will not be awarded to RAF Cosford.

199/06-07 Parliamentary Petition – Princess Royal Hospital (PRH)

Members considered a letter from Mark Pritchard MP **attached at Appendix 'K'**. They expressed their support for the Petition many having already signed it.

TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH COUNCIL (T&WBC) MATTERS

200/06-07 Traffic Calming, Town Centre

Cllr Glyn Gratton reported on a meeting at the Borough Council he and Cllr John Evans had attended representing the Town Council together with two representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr David Adams and Mr Ray Corbett. The Borough Council was

represented by Cllr Charles Smith, Mr Carl Longland, Mr Kevin Sutton, Mr John Charles and Mr Nick Kitchen.

Cllr Smith introduced the session by stating that the Borough Council take the issue of traffic congestion in the High Street very seriously and want to move the issue on in a positive fashion. With regards to requests for the removal of the Bus Stop Build-out it was not the intention of the Borough Council to remove this as it is a physical feature introduced to comply with regulations concerning 20 mph zones.

What the Borough Council could offer is the cessation of buses using the stop as a waiting area by creating bus waiting stops on the Stafford Street Car Park. They have noted the concerns, which were reinforced at the meeting, of safety, lighting, the confluence of children with traffic and the loss of disabled spaces adjacent to the Public Toilets. They are now looking at options for the waiting stops and will bring these proposals back to the Town Council.

Members accepted the need to move the issue on and were prepared to compromise if these proposals do reduce the problems currently being experienced at the bus stop.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Cllr Smith, thanking him for the meeting and asking whether revised proposals can be made to the Town Council at its meeting scheduled for 22 November 2006.

201/06-07 Travel to St. Peter & St. Paul RC School

Members noted a response from the Borough Council, **attached** at **Appendix 'L'** and taking into account the comments raised at Minute 186/06-07 directed the Town Clerk to seek the revised proposals for the Puffin Crossing.

202/06-07 Bus Bollard, Audley Avenue

Included in the response at Minute 198/06-07 were proposals regarding the possible installation of a Bus Bollard in Audley Avenue. The rising bollard only recognised buses. There are no long term plans to open up Audley Avenue. It is hoped that the scheme will be in place in this financial year. Members suggested that the plans should incorporate pupils being dropped off in the school grounds to prevent pupils having to cross the road.

203/06-07 Pavements and Disabled Access

Members noted a letter from Mark Pritchard MP **attached** at **Appendix 'M'**. Members will seek to publicise the issue in order to get feed back from disabled users on areas which need improvement.

204/06-07 Mobile Telephone Masts

A full response to matters raised at Minute 165/06-07 has been promised by 10 November 2006.

205/06-07 Minor Local Authority (MLA) Governor – Newport Junior School

It was **RESOLVED** to nominate **Mr Jeremy Crabbe to act as MLA for Newport Junior School. The Town Clerk is to thank Mr Mark Wiggin for his service in this role until his resignation.**

207/06-07 Local Development Framework – Minerals DPD

Members were informed that a copy of the Preferred Options Report is available in the Council Offices.

208/06-07 Traffic Management Capital Programme

Members considered a letter updating them on Traffic Management Projects together with a request to identify other projects which could be included in the next Capital Funded Programme. It was **RESOLVED to bring this matter to the next Town Council Meeting for fuller consideration of possible projects.**

COMMUNITY SAFETY

209/06-07 Speed Indicator Lights

Members welcomed the installation of Speed Indicator Lights by the Borough Council on Wellington Road, commencing 28 November 2006, suggested Avenue Road, 12 December 2006 and Forton Road, 20 February 2007.

As the scheme is to utilise Borough Council owned lighting columns only, members suggested that Chetwynd Road be an alternative to Avenue Road.

It was also suggested that a sum of £500 be considered for inclusion in the Budget to purchase a Speed Indicator Light for use around the town on Town Council lighting columns.

210/06-07 Neighbourhood Watch Signs Application

Members considered two applications detailed at **Appendix 'N'** and **RESOLVED to offer no objections.**

211/06-07 T&W BUG

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 3 October 2006 **attached at Appendix 'P'.**

The next meeting will be held on 21 November 2006 in the Mathew Webb Room, Darby Home, Telford at 18.30 hrs.

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (L&ES)

212/06-07 Countryside Voice – Autumn 2006

Members noted receipt of the Magazine.

213/06-07 ASHTAV News – Issue 2

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

214/06-07 Shropshire Landscapes – Autumn 2006

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

215/06-07 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 11 October 2006.

216/06-07 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the business about to be conducted, that is consideration of staffing issues, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

Signed

Dated