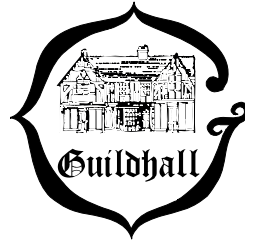


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



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Ref: DLH/SFA

6 March 2008

Dear Sir / Madam

I hereby give you notice that there will be a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** at **7.00** on **Wednesday 12 March 2008** at **The Guildhall, High Street, Newport.**

Your 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 vote to suspend the meeting for up to 30 minutes to take public questions.
4. To receive announcements. A list of the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's engagements is **attached**.
5. To confirm the Minutes of a meeting held on 13 February 2008 – copy **attached**. The Minutes of a meeting held on 5 March 2008 will be circulated for approval at the next full meeting of the Town Council on 9 April 2008.
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 February 2008 – to follow.

b. Return of Capital Reserves to the Revenue Account

To approve the return of £3664.93 earmarked for CCTV in the Capital Reserves to the revenue account balances and similarly £41.40 earmarked for Public Lighting Energy.

c. Grant Applications

All grant money unspent by the end of the Financial Year is returned to balances and cannot be carried forward. At present there is £1050 in Section 137 and £550 in Section 19 Funds. The money allocated for Youth Grants has been fully expended.

Members are asked to consider the following late applications:

Telford & Wrekin Council	To fund additional week of summer holiday play	£679.10 requested
Shropshire Peer Counselling & Advocacy Service (PCAS)	To fund volunteers travel expenses	£50 in 05/06
Shropshire Wildlife Trust	To purchase The Hollies at The Stiperstones	Must raise £250,000 by March 2008

8. EU MATTERS

9. NATIONAL / REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

10. TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AND AREA MATTERS

a. Question Time Event

To consider a response to a question posed by Cllr Brenda Flowers at the event held on 22 January 2008 – copy **attached**.

b. State of the Borough Report – October 2007

A summary leaflet for the State of the Borough 2007 is **attached**.

c. JAR Update

A copy of the Joint Area Review update of Children's Services is **attached** for members' information.

d. CVS Newslines Jan/Feb 2008

- to be tabled.

11. RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Misuse of Town Guide

To consider a letter from Mrs Eva Allan – copy **attached**.

b. Annual Town Meeting – 2 April 2008

As members will recall the main item for discussion is Plastic Bag Free status within Newport. A copy of an e-mail sent to Cllr Adam Stanton from Matthew James, the Waste Minimisation Officer at Telford & Wrekin Council is **attached**. Cllr Stanton will give his thoughts on who should be invited to participate in the meeting and report back on a conference he recently attended which dealt with recycling issues.

c. SK8 Park Service Level Agreement

The Town Clerk has been negotiating with Telford & Wrekin Council the terms of a Service Level Agreement for maintenance of the SK8 Park and now feels she can recommend the **attached** draft for the approval of the Town Council. She will expand on the issues at the meeting.

12. COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Community Safety Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2008 – copy **attached**.

b. Private Firework Displays

To note a response from Mark Pritchard MP covering a reply from Gareth Thomas MP, the PUS for Trade & Consumer Affairs – copies **attached**.

c. High Street Pavements

The Town Clerk has received an e-mail from the Team Leader for Highways Maintenance concerning further works to the western side pavement of the High Street between Wellington Road and Stafford Street. Engineers have carried out preliminary investigations to determine whether construction on the western side is similar to that encountered on the eastern side. The recent provision of funds, part of which are for improvements to the High Street, will be dealt with by the Newport Task Force who will be looking at broader issues. As a consequence the planned works will be incorporated into a broader plan and any works are more likely to be on site in 2009 rather than this year.

13. LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

a. Marsh Fields

A holding reply in respect of the Town Council's wish to investigate obtaining land between the Cemetery and Meadow View Road allotments has been received.

b. Newport Canal / Victoria Park Feasibility Study

To consider a copy of the study carried out in 2000 by Telford & Wrekin Council which was recently circulated to members for their information.

c. Youth Café

Cllr Roy Scammell to report on the recent Open Evening.

14. TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 13 February 2008 – previously circulated.

b. Planning Refusals

To consider the justifications made for recent planning refusals – copies **attached** and determine whether formal representation should be made to Telford & Wrekin Council.

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

a. LCR March 2008

- copy **attached**. Members may wish to consider the article on Page 12 concerning the title of "Parish Clerk".

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