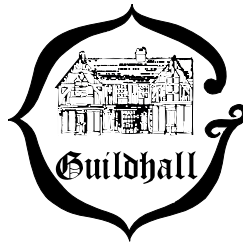


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



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Town Mayor: Cllr Glyn Gratton

Ref: DLH/SFA

7 June 2007

Dear Sir / Madam

I hereby give you notice that there will be a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** on **Wednesday, 13 June 2007** at **7.00 p.m.** 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 receive Declarations of Interest. Members need only declare any interest they may have in items of business on the Agenda.
3. **Co-option**

To consider co-opting two people to fill the remaining vacancies on the Town Council, following the May 2007 election process. Copies of letters supplied by interested parties will be sent to members under separate cover before the meeting.

Discussion of the candidates and voting will take place in open session. The candidates themselves are not allowed to address the meeting.

Notes on voting:

- a. Each vacancy will be considered separately.
All candidates may be considered for each vacancy.
It is suggested that the vacancy in North Ward be considered firstly, followed by the vacancy in West Ward.

- b. The person co-opted must receive an absolute majority vote of the councillors present and voting. For example if all 10 elected members are present at the meeting and voting, the absolute majority is six, unless there is a tied vote where the casting vote of the Town Mayor will determine the successful candidate.
- c. Standing Order No 9 provides that voting shall be by a show of hands, or if two or more members so request, by signed ballot.
- d. Standing Order No. 38 provides that where more than two persons have applied for any vacancy and of the votes given there is not an absolute majority in favour of one person, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken, and so on until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person.

The duly co-opted members may take their places with members for the remainder of the meeting and may speak on issues but not vote until they take their formal seats at the July Town Council Meeting.

- 4. To vote to suspend the meeting for up to 30 minutes to take public questions.
- 5. To receive announcements. A list of the Town Mayor's engagement is **attached**.
- 6. To confirm the Minutes of a meeting held on 16 May – copy **attached**.
- 7. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.

To consider matters as itemised under the following headings:

8. FINANCE

a. Finance Report

To approve the Finance Report for May 2007 – to follow.

b. Thank You Letters

Thank you letters for grants awarded have been received from:

Victorian Old Tyme Market
Shropshire Wildlife Trust

c. Grant Applications

Details of applications for grants from the Town Council are **attached**. There is £4450 available in Section 137 General Grants, £2000 in Section 19 money and £1500 in Youth Grants.

9. EU MATTERS

10. NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

11. TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) MATTERS

a. Open Space, Sport and Recreational Needs Assessment

To note a response sent on the direction of the Leisure & Environmental Services Committee regarding a consultation study into the provision of open space across the Borough on behalf of Telford & Wrekin Council – copy **attached**.

b. “Parks for People” Bid

To note that details of a consultation into the options of implementing a Lottery Bid relating to Telford Town Park, issued on 17 May 2007 were withdrawn on 1 June 2007, a copy of the relevant e-mail is **attached**.

c. Newport High Street

To note a response regarding remedial works in the High Street – copy **attached**.

d. Public Toilets, Stafford Street Car Park, Newport

A holding reply from Asset & Property Management has been received regarding the future of the public toilet block.

e. Newport Enforcement of Parking Restrictions

To note correspondence relating to parking issues in Newport – copy **attached**.

f. Damaged Crossing Points

Cllr Glyn Gratton to introduce.

12. RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Unity Healthcare Ltd.

To remind members of the special meeting to be held in Confidential Session at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 20 June 2007.

b. Code of Conduct Guidance

to receive the formal advice relating to the new Code of Conduct – copies **attached**.

13. COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Natural High Schools Programme 2007

A copy of the evaluation report from this year's programme is held within the offices.

14. LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (L&ES)

a. Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 30 May 2007 – copy **attached**.

b. Footpath Creation Orders

Seven New Orders have been created as detailed in the maps **attached**.

c. Fieldwork

To note receipt of the magazine.

15. PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

16. SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL (SALC / NALC)

Distribution to:

All Town Councillors:

(Ashley, Carter, Flowers, Meredith, Norton, Radcliffe, Scammell, Unwin - Gratton, Stanton).

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