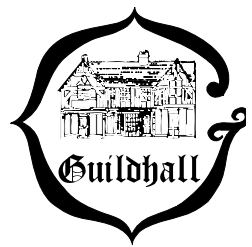


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



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Ref: DLH/SFA

6 December 2007

Dear Sir / Madam

I hereby give you notice that there will be a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** at **7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 12 December 2007** 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 the meeting held on 14 November 2007 – copy **attached**.
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 November 2007 – to follow.

b. 2008/2009 Budget Report

A report on the Budget for 2008/2009, prepared following the meeting held on 28 November 2007, is **attached** for adoption at this meeting.

The procedure detailed below should be followed when dealing with this report:

- (1) The Town Mayor will call for a mover and seconder for each of the 23 recommendations in turn. See:

B/1/2007 – 21

B/2/2007 – 1

B/3/2007 – 1

- (2) The proposition having been moved and seconded, the Town Mayor will invite any amendment and then put these and the Budget recommendations to the vote.

NOTE: The Town Mayor may deal in the following way with the recommendations as he considers appropriate.

- a. One at a time
- b. Taking each Budget Page separately
- c. Altogether at the end of the exercise.

(3) **The “Free Resource”**

When moving the sums of money to be awarded as grants / special projects (Section 137 – Page 6) the RESOLUTION should take the following format:

“It is RESOLVED that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the Council approves the payment of the sum of £ - x - in respect of General Grants, £ - x - in respect of Youth Projects etc” thereby itemising each individual item included on Page 6.

(4) **The Precept**

When moving the Precept, the RESOLUTION should take the following format:

“It is RESOLVED that a Precept requiring the Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council to pay £ - x - to Newport Town Council to meet its 2008/09 Expenditure, be issued.

c. Thank You Letters

Thank you letters for grants awarded have been received from:

Nova United FC
Shropshire & Mid Wales Kidney Patient Association
Rainbow Club
Old Tyme Market (grant include in Budget)
Beaumaris Singers

d. Grant Application

To consider a request from St. Nicholas Church for a grant of £250 to provide mulled wine and mince pies at the Civic Carol Service.

8. RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Annual Town Meeting 2008

The Annual Town Meeting for 2008 will be held at 7.30 p.m. at The Cosy Hall, Water Lane, Newport on Thursday 1 May 2008. All Councillors are expected to attend. The main topic for the evening should be decided closer to the date.

b. Scope – House to House Collections

The Charity "Scope" have informed the Town Council that they will be conducting house to house collections under an Exemption Order granted by the Home Office as follows:

7 – 25 April 2008
6 – 24 April 2009

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Private Firework Displays

Town Clerk to brief members.

b. Damaged Safety Railings

- To receive any update.

10. LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

a. Newport 21

To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2007 – copy **attached**.

b. Natural World – Winter 2007

- To be tabled.

c. Shropshire Wildlife – Winter 2007

- To be tabled.

11. TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 14 November 2007 – previously circulated.

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

a. Parish Pump – November 2007

- copy **attached**.

13. EU MATTERS

14. NATIONAL / REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

a. West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (WMRSS) Phase 3 Revision Draft Plan

A copy of the draft Plan is **attached**. Comment is required by 18 January 2008. It is suggested that this item be deferred to the meeting to be held on 9 January 2008.

b. Community Ownership

To note a speech given by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on Community Ownership – copy **attached**.

c. 10 Downing Street Website – Petition to “Save our Parish Councils”

To consider an e-mail – copy **attached**.

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

a. **Affordable Housing**

To consider a response to questions raised in the public session – previously circulated.

b. **Ethical Standards Bulletin – Autumn 2007**

- copy **attached**.

c. **Local Development Framework Consultation Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report**

The consultation on the Draft SA / SEA Scoping Report is from 4 December 2007 to 11 January 2008. The Scoping Report updates that produced in 2005 and reflects the latest national guidance. A copy of the Forward to the Report is **attached** for members' information. It is suggested that the Town Clerk responds as appropriate.

d. **Managing Biodiversity**

To consider details from TWC on a current strategic review of how they manage biodiversity across Telford & Wrekin – copy **attached**.

Distribution to:

All Town Councillors:

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