



Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



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Town Mayor: Cllr Glyn Gratton

Ref: DLH/SFA

7 February 2008

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 13 February 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 meetings held on 9 January 2008 and 16 January 2008 – copies **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 January 2008 – copy **attached**.

b. Risk Management and Internal Control

To review the Risk Assessment and Management and Internal Control procedures – copies **attached**. Last reviewed February 2007.

c. Appointment of External Auditor

To note the appointment by the Audit Commission of Mazars LLP of Southampton to act as External Auditors – copy **attached**. The Town Clerk will identify verbally the implications of this change.

d. Grant Applications

Details of applications for grants from the Town Council are **attached**. There is £2000 available in Section 137 General Grants, £1050 in Section 19 money and £800 in Youth Grants.

e. Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust – Membership

To consider a request from Mr David Adams that the Town Council consider taking out Corporate Membership of the Trust at a cost of £20 p.a. and formally resolve to support the Project.

8. NATIONAL / REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

a. Correspondence from MP

To note a letter from Mark Pritchard MP – copy **attached**.

b. Speaking Out – December 2007

- To be tabled.

c. Representing the Future

To consider the report of the Councillors Commission – previously circulated.

d. Orders & Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England

To consider responses to the consultation paper – previously circulated.

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

a. Contaminated Land

To note a letter sent to the Leader, Cllr Andrew Eade, following the Leisure & Environmental Services Committee meeting – copy **attached**.

b. Regeneration Finance

Cllr Glyn Gratton to introduce.

10. RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Outside Bodies

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk with regard to representation on the Newport Exhibition Fund.

b. Councillor Training

To note the training dates previously circulated.

10 March 2008 – Shirehall, Shrewsbury
1 April 2008 – Civic Offices Telford

Both from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

c. Hope UK

To note a letter – copy **attached** and information leaflets to be tabled.

d. Worthy Citizen Awards

To consider a letter from Mr John Baxter – copy **attached**.

e. Citizens Advice Bureau Meeting

To note a report from Cllr Brenda Flowers – copy **attached**.

f. ASHTAV News – No. 4

- To be tabled.

11. COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Damaged Safety Railings

- To receive any update.

b. Private Firework Displays

- To receive any update

12. LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

a. Leisure & Environmental Services Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 23 January 2008 – copy **attached**.

b. Cemetery Land

To consider Minute L&ES/28/07-08.

c. Youth Café Projects

Cllr Roy Scammell to introduce.

d. The Playing Field – Winter 2007-08

- To be tabled.

To note three articles extracted from the newsletter – copies **attached**.

e. Shropshire Landscapes – Spring 2008

- To be tabled.

f. Allotments Regeneration Initiative Newsletter – Winter 2007- 08

- To be tabled.

g. Newport 21 Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 21 January 2008 – copy **attached**.

13. TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 9 January 2008 – previously circulated.

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

a. NALC Briefing – Community Contracts and Charters

To note the briefing note on a new community initiative – copy **attached**.

b. Wrekin Area Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2007 – copy **attached**.

15. EU MATTERS

Distribution to:

All Town Councillors:

(Ashley, Carter, Flowers, Forrester, Meredith, Nelson, Norton, Scammell, Unwin, Walker - Gratton, Stanton).

Mark Pritchard – MP

Sgt. Derek Taylor

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BBC Radio Shropshire

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