



# Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



## MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on  
Wednesday 13 June 2007  
at  
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Glyn Gratton – Town Mayor  
Adam Stanton – Deputy Town Mayor  
Daniel Ashley  
Brenda Flowers  
Adrian Meredith  
Phil Norton  
Arthur Radcliffe  
Roy Scammell  
Bob Unwin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Eric Carter.

### 42/07-08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made at the commencement of the meeting.

**Note:** Where during the course of the meeting a member notes a possible conflict of interest, they will declare it and make the appropriate entry in the Declarations Register.

### 42/07-08 Co-Option

Members had previously been circulated with short biographies from candidates seeking co-option to fill two vacancies, one in North and one in East Ward, following the May 2007 elections.

It was **RESOLVED to enact Standing Order No. 9 with voting by signed ballot and following voting procedures laid down in Standing Order No 38 Mr Tony Forrester and Mrs Siân Walker were duly selected to fill the vacancies in North Ward and East Ward respectively.**

**Note:** The selected candidates took their places with members for the remainder of the meeting, but did not vote on issues. They will make Declarations of Acceptance of Office and compliance with the National Code of Conduct before the Town Clerk and complete Declarations of Interest Forms at a mutually

convenient time before taking their formal seats at the July Town Council meeting. Information Packs will also be issued.

**44/07-08 SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting for up to 30 minutes to take questions from members of the public. Mr Graham Hobson requested that the Town Clerk update the meeting on the session held with Planning Inspectors to determine the soundness of the Telford & Wrekin Local Development Framework Core Strategy. This was duly authorised.

The Town Clerk also updated the meeting on a new programme being drawn up to place speed Indicator Lights in the town.

**45/07-08 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. A List of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached** at **Appendix 'A'**.
- b. The Agenda for the AGM of the Wrekin Area Committee on 20 June 2007 was circulated, together with a covering e-mail extending the invitation to all members as the new Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council will be present, **attached** at **Appendix 'B'**. This unfortunately clashes with the special meeting scheduled for the same date at The Guildhall.
- c. Information concerning Big Lottery Funding for children's play was circulated to members and is **attached** at **Appendix 'C'**.

**46/07-08 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2007 were approved as a true record.

**47/07-08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**a. Leisure and Environmental Services Committee**

Cllr Roy Scammell, Deputy Chairman of the Committee has replaced Eric Carter.

**b. Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Cllr Brenda Flowers has replaced Cllr Roy Scammell as representative to the Management Committee of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

**FINANCE****48/07-08 Finance Statement**

The Finance Report for May 2007, **attached at Appendix 'D'** and the payments therein, were approved/ ratified.

**49/07-08 Thank You Letters**

Thank you letters for grants awarded have been received from:

- a. **Victorian Old Tyme Market**
- b. **Shropshire Wildlife Trust**

**50/07-08 Grant Applications**

Members considered applications for grants detailed at **Appendix 'E'** and **RESOLVED:**

- a. **To award Section 137 Grants as follows:**

		<b>CDA*</b>
	<b>Friends of St. Nicholas Church £25.00 (corporate membership)</b>	<b>n</b>
	<b>Newport P's &amp; Q's £75.00</b>	<b>n</b>
	<b>County Air Ambulance £200.00</b>	<b>n</b>
	<b>Telford &amp; Wrekin Arthritis Support Group £200.00</b>	<b>n</b>
	<b>Relate £200.00</b>	<b>n</b>
b.	<b>To award Section 19 Grants as follows:</b>	
	<b>Forton Cricket Club £100.00</b>	<b>+</b>
c.	<b>To award Youth Grants as follows:</b>	
	<b>Telford &amp; Wrekin Council £700.00</b>	<b>+</b>
d.	<b>To award no grant to Wellington Cottage Care Trust.</b>	

**\*CDA - Crime & Disorder Act**

**n = neutral impact**

**+ = positive impact**

## **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **51/07-08 Open Space, Sport and Recreational Needs Assessment**

Members noted a response sent by the Town Clerk on the direction of the Leisure & Environmental Services Committee regarding a consultation study into the provision of open space in the Borough, **attached** at **Appendix 'F'**.

### **52/07-08 "Parks for People" Bid**

Members noted that details of a consultation into the options for 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** at **Appendix 'G'**. Cllr Adam Stanton elaborated on this decision for members' information.

### **53/07-08 Newport High Street**

Members noted a response regarding remedial works in the High Street, **attached** at **Appendix 'H'**.

There is concern about the state of the pavements between the Library and New Street. The Town Clerk will report this for urgent attention. Some of the damage may be resulting from delivery vehicles mounting the pavement particularly by the Sue Ryder shop and Gregg's the Bakers.

### **54/07-08 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. The Town Clerk was instructed to request a final response as a matter of urgency.

### **55/07-08 Newport Enforcement of Parking Restrictions**

Members noted correspondence relating to parking issues in Newport and **attached** at **Appendix 'J'** for their information. The Town Clerk will copy this correspondence together with a covering letter to the new Council Leader, Cllr Andrew Eade for his views.

### **56/07-08 Damaged Crossing Points**

Cllr Glyn Gratton raised concerns over the delays in repairing damaged crossing points and safety railings. Following discussion, members directed the Town Clerk to request that a policy be established by Telford & Wrekin Council to enact such repairs urgently on safety grounds.

## RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

### 57/07-08 Unity Healthcare Ltd.

Members were reminded of the special meeting to be held in confidential session at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 20 June 2007. Cllrs: Ashley, Gratton and Stanton extended their apologies.

### 58/07-08 Code of Conduct Guidance

The formal advice and guidance relating to the new Code of Conduct was circulated to individual members.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

### 59/07-08 Natural High Schools Programme 2007

Members were informed that a copy of the evaluation report from this year's programme is held within the offices.

## LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (L&ES)

### 60/07-08 L&ES Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 30 May 2007 attached at **Appendix 'K'**.

### 61/07-08 Footpath Creation Orders

Members welcomed seven new Orders. Maps of the new paths are attached at **Appendix 'L'**.

### 62/07-08 Field Work

Members noted receipt of the CPRE magazine.

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