



## MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on  
**Wednesday 12 December 2007**  
at  
**The Guildhall, High Street, Newport**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Glyn Gratton – Town Mayor  
Adam Stanton – Deputy Town Mayor  
Daniel Ashley  
Brenda Flowers  
Tony Forrester  
Tim Nelson  
Phil Norton  
Roy Scammell  
Bob Unwin  
Siân Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk  
J. Parnham – Deputy Town Clerk/RFO (for Budget)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Carter and Meredith.

### **205/07-08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **206/07-08 SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

There being no members of the public wishing to raise public issues with the Town Council, the meeting continued without suspension.

### **207/07-08 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. A list of the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's engagements is **attached** at **Appendix 'A'**.
- b. The Town Clerk notified members that there would be a full review of Town Council Committees and representation on outside bodies in January 2008 following the withdrawal of Cllr Adrian Meredith from the Cottage Care Committee and Boughey Trust.
- c. Members were updated on the SK8 Park bid and a proposed Service Level Agreement **attached** at **Appendix 'B'**.

This will be placed before the Town Council in January since it contains some clauses which may require renegotiation.

- d. Members received a copy of the Civic Trust's response to the LDF Core Strategy Review **attached** at **Appendix 'C'**.

## **FINANCE**

### **209/07-08 Finance Statement**

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

### **210/07-08 2008/2009 Budget Report**

Members considered the Budget Report detailed at **Appendix 'E'** and **RESOLVED**:

- a. **that the recommendations as detailed below be accepted:**

- (1) **Administration – Page 1/1a**

- B/1/2007 a. (1) – LSN 6
- (2) – LSN 9
- (3) – LSN 16
- (4) – LSN 17
- (5) – LSN 25
- (6) – LSN 30

- (2) **The Guildhall – Page 2**

- B/1/2007 b. (1) – LSN 47

- (3) **No. 3/3A High Street – Page 3**

- B/1/2007 c. (1) – LSN 64

- (4) **Cemetery – Page 4/1 and 4/1a**

- B/1/2007 d. (1) – LSN 102
- (2) – LSN 103

- (5) **Recreation & Amenities (R&A) – Page 4/2**

- B/1/2007 e. (1) – LSN 116
- (2) – LSN 118
- (3) – LSN 120

- (6) **R&A Allotments – Page 4/2a**

- B/1/2007 f. (1) – LSN 136 and 141

**(7) Public Toilets – Page 4/3**

B/1/2007 h. (1) – LSN 161  
(2) – LSN 162

**(8) Civic Lighting – Page 4/4**

B/1/2007 j. (1) – LSN 181

**(9) Community Safety – Page 5**

B/1/2007 k. (1) – LSN 196  
(2) – LSN 199  
(3) – LSN 204

**(10) Section 137 – Page 6**

B?2007 l. (1) – LSN 230

- b. **That the recommendations in B/2/2007 in relation to Charges/Fees by the Council be accepted as detailed.**

**Note:** The Table of Fees for the Cemetery is included herein as **Appendix 'F'**.

- c. **That the Finalised Budget statement for 2008/09 be that detailed at Appendix 'G'.**

**211/07-08 Free Resources – Section 137**

It was **RESOLVED** that in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the Town Council approves the payments detailed in page 6 of Appendix 'G' and listed at

LSN 218 – 222  
LSN 226 – 233  
LSN 236

Being a total expenditure of £21900.

**212/07-08 2008/09 Expenditure**

It was **RESOLVED** that a Precept requiring Telford & Wrekin Council to pay £387095 to Newport Town Council to meet its 2008/09 expenditure be issued.

**213/07-08 Thank You Letters**

Members noted thank you letters for grants awarded as follows:  
NOVA United FC  
Shropshire & Mid Wales Kidney Patient Association  
Rainbow Club  
Old Tyme Market (grant included in Budget)  
Beaumaris Singers

**214/07-08 Grant Application**

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £250 to **St. Nicholas Church to meet the costs of providing mulled wine and mince pies at the Civic Carol Service.**

**RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION**

**215/07-08 Annual Town Meeting 2008**

Members noted that the Annual Town Meeting for 2007/2008 will be held at 7.30 p.m. at The Cosy Hall, Water Lane, Newport on Thursday 24 April 2008. The main topic for the evening will be decided closer to the date.

**RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION**

**216/07-08 Scope – House to House Collections**

Members noted that the Charity will be conducting house to house collections in Newport under an Exemption Order granted by the Home Office as follows:

7 – 25 April 2008

6 – 24 April 2009

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**217/07-08 Private Firework Displays**

Members considered a request from a Newport Resident to support a ban on the sale of private fireworks. Following extensive debate it was **RESOLVED that the Town Clerk draw the concerns of the correspondent to the attentions of Mark Pritchard MP and Cllr Derek White, Scrutiny Panel Chairman at Telford & Wrekin Council.**

**218/07-08 Damaged Safety Railings**

A response to the request that the Safety Railings at the junction of Granville Avenue / Station Road be repaired has not yet been received.

**LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**219/07-08 Newport 21**

Members noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2007 **attached at Appendix 'H'.**

**220/07-08 Natural World – Winter 2007**

Members noted receipt of the Wildlife Trusts magazine.

**221/07-08 Shropshire Wildlife – Winter 2007**

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

**TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**222/07-08 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes**

Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2007.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC / NALC)**

**223/07-08 Parish Pump – November 2007**

Members acknowledged receipt of the newsletter.

**NATIONAL / REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS**

**224/07-08 West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (WMRSS) Phase 3 Revision Draft Plans**

Members acknowledged receipt of the Draft Plan for comment by 18 January 2008 and deferred comment to the meeting to be held on 9 January 2008.

**225/07-08 Community Ownership**

Members noted a speech given by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on Community Ownership, **attached at Appendix 'J'**.

**226/07-08 10 Downing Street Website – Petition to “Save our Parish Councils”**

Members considered an e-mail **attached at Appendix 'K'** and chose to respond individually.

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AND AREA MATTERS**

**227/07-08 Affordable Housing**

Members considered a response from Cllr Eade **attached at Appendix 'L'** and welcomed increasing provision.

**228/07-08 Ethical Standards Bulletin – Autumn 2007**

Members noted receipt of the latest Bulletin **attached at Appendix 'M'**.

**229/07-08 Local Development Framework (LDF) Consultation.  
Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental  
Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report**

Members noted receipt of the Scoping Report for comment by 11 January 2008. The Report updates that produced in 2005 reflecting the latest national guidance. A copy of the Foreword was distributed to members. The full Report is retained in the Council Offices and the Town Clerk will respond as appropriate.

**230/07-08 Managing Biodiversity**

Members welcomed notification of a strategic review into the management of biodiversity across Telford & Wrekin as detailed at **Appendix 'N'**. Cllr Stanton raised the issue of Newport becoming a plastic bag free town. This item will be referred to the agenda for the January 2008 meeting.

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Signed .....

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