



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 8 October 2008
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Stanton – Town Mayor
Scammell – Deputy Town Mayor
Ashley
Carter
Gratton
Meredith
Nelson
Norton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Jakeman – Town Clerk,
Mrs Parnham – Deputy Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:
Cllrs: Unwin, Flowers, Forrester and Walker and for late attendance from
Cllr Meredith.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

110/08-09 There were no declarations of interest.

111/08-09 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

- (a) It was **RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to take questions from the Public.**
- (b) Mrs Doble of Juniper Row, highlighted the issue of fly-tipping occurring in the vicinity of the mere adjacent to Juniper Row and asked what could be done to maintain the site. It would appear that the wild growth provided a screen for fly-tipping to go unnoticed. Cllr Carter agreed to take up the issue at the Borough Council and provide a response to Mrs Doble.

112/08-09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached at appendix 'A'**.
- (b) Members were reminded of an invitation to attend the Newport Design Workshop, led by the Regeneration Partnership, to be

held on 21 October 2008 at Cosy Hall.

- (c) Councillor Gratton informed members that through the Heart of England in Bloom (HoEIB) competitions, Newport had been awarded a 'Gold' and won 'Best Town'. Furthermore, the HoEIB hanging baskets would be removed on Sunday 12 October in the High Street at 8 a.m. members were encouraged to provide help. Cllr Gratton also advised that he had stood down from the (HoEIB) committee which was now short of members and encouraged members to consider becoming involved.
- (d) On behalf of Cllr Norton, Cllr Scammell advised that a new Police Sgt would be starting at Donnington next month and that would allow the Newport police Sergeant to return to Newport on a full time capacity.

11308-09 MINUTES

The Minutes of meeting held on 10 September 2008 were approved as a true record.

114/08-09 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCE

115/08-09 Finance Statement

The Finance Statements for August and September 2008 **attached at appendix 'B'** and the payments therein, were approved and ratified.

116/08-09 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Nil

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

117/08-09 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee meeting Minutes

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 September 2008.

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

118/08-09 Routine Correspondence

Members noted the list of routine correspondence received during September 2008 – List **attached** at **Appendix 'C'**.

119/08-09 Worthy Citizens Awards

Members considered the Worthy Citizens Awards and **RESOLVED: to have 4 categories of awards: Citizen, Young Citizen, Team and Town Council Special Recognition. Cost of prizes would not exceed £100.**

Further discussion revolved around nominating and selection criteria. It was considered that nominees should be from within Newport for all awards (other than perhaps that of the Town Council Special recognition Award).

It is intended that the awards would be presented at the Annual Town Meeting, normally held in April of each year.

Cllrs Stanton and Scammell agreed to take the item forward and pursue possible sponsorship.

120/08-09 Town Emblem

Cllr Stanton tabled a proposal to have more robust version of the Town Crest available in electronic form for use by the Town Council. It was considered appropriate to obtain costings for the provision of a suitable electronic emblem for use by the Town Council for consideration by the Full Town Council.

TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

121/08-09 Town Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2008.

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

122/08-09 a. SALC Annual General Meeting (AGM)

123/08-09 EU MATTERS

Nil

124/08-09 NATIONAL/REGIONAL MATTERS

Nil

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AREA MATTERS

125/08-09 Farmers' Market

Cllr Scammell updated members. Progress had regrettably, been slow and he was disappointed that The Farmers market had yet to start. Cllr Scammel confirmed that the Chamber of Commerce had agreed that the responsibility and running of the a Farmers' Market would fall to them. The Town Council's involvement was as a facilitator and that any direct involvement would cease upon commencement of the Market.

126/08-09 Telford & Wrekin Rural Forum

Members noted the written feedback from the Telford & Wrekin Rural Forum.

127/08-09 Telford & Wrekin Parishes Forum – 13th October 2008

Members noted the Agenda for the forthcoming TWC Parishes Forum to be held on Monday 13 October 2008. Cllr Nelson was nominated to represent the Town Council. It was considered that the Town Council was content for the Parish Charter to be adopted and that Newport Town Council aspires (in general terms) in principle to the 'In Return' conditions requested by the Borough Council.

128/08-09 Scrutiny Commission for Environment & Regeneration – Review of Traffic Management in Conservation Areas October 2008

Members noted the subject report.

129/08-09 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that in the view of the business about to be transacted (that is a briefing by staffing sub-committee) it would be in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

Signed

Dated