



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 10 September 2008
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Adam Stanton– Town Mayor
Eric Carter
Glyn Gratton
Adrian Meredith
Tim Nelson
Bob Unwin
Siân Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Lee Jakeman – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:
Cllrs: Roy Scammell, Brenda Flowers, Tony Forrester, Phil Norton and Dan Ashley

90/08-09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

91/08-09 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that in the view of the commercially sensitive nature of the business scheduled to be transacted it be moved to the final agenda item and that it be in the public interest that the press and public be excluded.

92/08-09 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to take questions from the Public.

Mrs Sandra Renshaw commented upon planning application W2008/0934.

93/08-09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached** at appendix 'A'.

- (b) Newport Carnival Committee invited Members to their AGM, to be held on Monday 6 October at The Royal Navy Association Club from 7.30pm. Cllr Scammell has agreed to attend however, other members are invited.
- (c) An open invitation from the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, to their AGM and open exhibition on Thursday 25 September 2008 has been received. Members wishing to attend should contact the Town Clerk.

94/08-09 MINUTES

The Minutes of meeting held on 9 July 2008 were approved as a true record.

95/08-09 MATTERS ARISING

Item 64/08-09(f) (CCTV) refers. Mr John Gregory had been unable to attend the meeting. He has suggested that the project linking Oakengates and Wellington CCTV with Shrewsbury had just been implemented and that it would be prudent to see how it bedded in before Newport Town Council considered its position on the matter. It was **RESOLVED to revisit the issue at a more suitable date in the future when more specific and relevant information is available from Telford & Wrekin.**

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

96/08-09 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee meeting Minutes

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2008, previously circulated.

FINANCE

97/08-09 Finance Statement

The Finance Statement for July 2008 **attached at appendix 'B'** was ratified and approval of the payments (on the cheque list) for August was given.

98/08-09 Thank You Letters

Members noted letters of thanks for grants awarded have been received from:

- (1) Listen & Care Group
- (2) Newport & District Agricultural Society
- (3) Axis – Counseling and Psychotherapy

(4) The Rainbow Club

99/08-09 Grant Applications

Members considered applications for grants detailed at **appendix 'C'** and **RESOLVED:**

a. To award Section 137 Grants as follows:

Church Aston Thursday Club	£100	CDA* n
Newport Patchworkers & Quilters	£100	n
Trinity Church Community Centre	£1000	+

b. To award a Section 19 Grant as follows:

Telford & Wrekin Ladies Hockey Club	£200	CDA* +
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Clerks Note:

Remaining balances: Sect137 - £2750, Sect19 - £1800, Youth Grants -£1500

*CDA Crime and Disorder Act

n=neutral impact

p=positive impact

100/08-09 Town Crier

It was **RESOLVED** to move the discussion on the subject of the **Town Crier** to agenda item 9b (Staffing sub-committee).

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

101/08-09 Routine Correspondence

Members noted the list of routine correspondence received during July and August 2008, copies **attached** at **appendices 'D'** and **'E'**.

Staffing Sub-Committee

102/08-09 It was **RESOLVED:**

- a. **To form a staffing sub-committee to be responsible for the staffing issues. Membership of the committee would be; The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor and 3 additional members nominated on annual basis.**

- b. For the remainder of the fiscal year to confirm the appointment of the following to the staffing sub-committee:

**Cllr Flowers
Cllr Gratton
Cllr Norton
Cllr Scammell
Cllr Stanton**

103/08-09 Town Crier

The Town Clerk provided a brief regarding the Town Crier; a suitable individual had been identified. However, correspondence received in the past few days indicated that there may be other individuals interested.

(At this point Cllrs Unwin and Nelson declared a personal interest).

It was **RESOLVED** that **the issue be considered at the first staffing committee meeting.**

TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

104/08-09 Town Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2008, previously circulated.

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

Nil

EU MATTERS

Nil

NATIONAL/REGIONAL MATTERS

Nil

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AREA MATTERS

105/08-09 Farmers' Market

The Town Clerk provided an update relating to the proposed Farmers Market detailed at **Appendix 'F'**.

106/08-09 Telford & Wrekin Citizens Advice Bureau

Members noted a report prepared by Cllr Flowers, **attached** at **Appendix 'G'**.

107/08-09 Telford & Wrekin Council for Voluntary Service

Members noted an invitation to the first Telford & Wrekin Rural Forum on Wednesday 17 September 2008. Cllr Meredith agreed to attend.

108/08-09 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that in the view of the commercially sensitive nature of the business about to be transacted it be in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

Signed

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