



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 14 January 2009
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Stanton – Town Mayor
Scammell – Deputy Town Mayor
Ashley
Carter
Flowers
Gratton
Nelson
Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Jakeman – Town Clerk,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:

Cllr Meredith (attending Borough Council Plans Board meeting),
Cllr Forrester (attending West Mercia Police Consultation evening –
at the request of the Town Council)
Cllr Norton (attending a Unite Union regional Meeting)
Cllr Unwin (unwell)

179/08-09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

180/08-09 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

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

Rector Steve Mitchell expanded on the Grant application to be considered at Item 7d on the Agenda. He was thanked for taking the time and advised that his comments would be taken into consideration when the Grant application is discussed formally.

There being no further members of the public present wishing to ask questions the meeting continued.

181/08-09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A list of the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor's engagements is **attached** at **appendix 'A'**.

182/08-09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 10 December and 23 December 2008 were approved as a true record.

183/08-09 MATTERS ARISING

(1) Item **169/08-09** refers. High Street Parking. A meeting with an officer of Telford & Wrekin Highways, Local Traffic Warden and Cllr Forrester is arranged for 16 January 2009.

(2) Item **173/08-09** refers. The Town Emblem is now being used on all Town Council correspondence other than where pre-printed stocks exist.

(3) Item **175/08-09** refers. Proposed Puffin Crossing Wellington Road. Correspondence received from Telford & Wrekin had been received confirming that in light of no objection the formal planning notification would be published shortly and that it was intend that the work should start on or around 9 February 2009 and the work would last for approximately 2 weeks.

184/08-09 FINANCE

a. Finance Statement

The Finance Statement for December 2008 **attached** at **Appendix 'B'** and the payments therein, were approved and ratified.

b. Town Crier

Members **RESLOVED** to **permit up to £500 for the provision of Town Crier robes from balances.**

c. Thank You Letters

Members noted thank you letters for recent grants from:

- Beaumaris Singers of Newport
- Newport Music Club
- Boughey Gardens Tennis Club – Junior Aces
- St. Nicholas Church, Newport

d. Grant Applications

Members considered a grant application from St Nicholas Church for working group visits in Draget, Normandy, to re-establish informal links.

Members **RESOLVED to not provide a Grant in relation to the request.**

Members expressed a willingness to support exchanges by groups (e.g. schools) but did not consider that the Grant request to be proportional to any direct benefit of any or all inhabitants of Newport.

185/08-09 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AREA MATTERS

Further Consultation Around The Charter For Working Together

Members noted correspondence from Telford & Wrekin and that, Caroline Oakes (Locality Manager Newport) would provide a presentation to the Town Council at the Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 February 2009.

186/08-09 COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. High Street Parking

Members noted the Scrutiny Work Programme suggestion form attached **Appendix 'C'** submitted by the Town Clerk and agreed that it reasonably reflected the position of the Town Council.

187/08-09 b. Stafford Street Car Park

Members were informed that following the special meeting held on 23 December 2008 that, Telford & Wrekin had agreed to undertake the necessary work to provide an operational mobile CCTV facility and they were hopeful that it would be installed during the coming week.

188/08-09 RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Routine Correspondence

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

b. Meeting Dates

Members noted the proposed meeting dates for the Municipal year 2009/10 and **RESLOVED that they be accepted however, amended to reflect that Full Town Council meetings will start at 7.15pm – copy attached at Appendix ‘E’.**

189/08-09 TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

b. Town Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

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

190/08-09 Water Lane (Newport) Planning Statement

Members noted a copy of the subject planning statement adopted by Telford & Wrekin Council **Appendix ‘F’.**

191/08-09 SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC / NALC)

a. Quality Parishes

Members considered that Newport Town Council should in general terms aspire to be recognised as a ‘Quality Council’ and **RESOLVED to set up a working group to investigate and consider the benefits and work required to pursue Quality Status.**

Cllrs Walker and Flowers expressed an interest in being part of a working group and the Town Clerk agreed to canvass all members prior to confirming the working group at the next Full meeting of the Council.

192/08-09 Local Council Review (LCR)

Members noted the official Journal of the LCR, Volume 60 No 5, January 2009

Signed

Dated