



# NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on

Wednesday 8 July 2009

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Scammell – Town Mayor  
Ashley – Deputy Town Mayor  
Carter  
Forrester  
Gratton  
Meredith  
Nelson  
Norton  
Unwin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Jakeman – Town Clerk  
Mrs Parnham – Deputy Clerk/RFO

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs: Stanton, Walker.

### 67/09-10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 68/09-10 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

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

**a.** Mr Hobson questioned why the meeting planned for next week regarding the regeneration of the High Street was not open to the public. Mr Hobson was informed that the meeting was to discuss the draft proposals based upon the finding of the recent public consultation exercise undertaken. Town Council is being asked to consider whether the initial draft plans produced by Telford & Wrekin are in line with what was expected. This will help to shape a more detailed plan that would be made available publicly before works begin.

**b.** Mr Baker raised the issue of the quality of the paintwork on the doors to the public toilets and was concerned that it was not of the quality he would have expected. He had raised the issue with the Deputy Town Clerk previously. The Clerk agreed to make an appointment to meet with Mr Baker to understand fully his concerns.

**69/09-10 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A copy of the Town Mayor's engagements for June is **attached at Appendix 'A'**

The Mayor highlighted the Carnival and The Old Tyme Market and wished to formally express the Town Council's thanks for the organisation and delivery of the 2 extremely successful events.

The Clerk was requested to write to the organisers of both events with the councils compliments.

**70/09-10 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2009 and a special meeting held on 24 June 2009 were approved as a true record.

**71/09-10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**SK8 Park** – (Item 44/09-10 refers). Cllr Carter advised that a meeting had been held between Telford & Wrekin officers and some concerned residents.

**FINANCE**

**72/09-10 Finance Report**

The Finance Report for June 2009 **attached at Appendix 'B'** was approved and the payments therein ratified.

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

**73/09-10 a. Regeneration Partnership**

Council representatives of the Regeneration Partnership advised that they had been to a meeting the previous evening at which the draft plans of the High Street Regeneration project were considered. A similar meeting will be held on the 14 July 2009 for the benefit of Town Councillors.

**74/09-10 b. Telford & Wrekin Local Development Framework – Surface Water Drainage: Managing and Improving Water Quality – Supplementary Planning Document**

Members noted the correspondence.

**75/09-10 c. Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation**

Members noted the correspondence.

**76/09-10 d. Rural Highways**

Members noted the correspondence and **RESOLVED** that:

**Cllr Forrester be nominated as the point of contact for Newport Town Council regarding the initiative.**

**LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**77/09-10 a. Stafford Street Car Park Toilet Block**

The Clerk advised that agreement to surrender the lease (minutes June 09 Item 42/09-10 refers) had now been signed by both parties. The next step is for the developer to submit a planning application for the site.

**78/09-10 b. Allotment Provision**

The Clerk advised that officers from Telford & Wrekin had contacted him to discuss future/ additional allotment provision. Telford & Wrekin had advised that they would wish to wait for the results of a survey currently being conducted before entering into any firm dialogue. Asset and Property Management (T&W) are aware of the issue and have agreed to consider sites that may be appropriate.

**79/09-10 c. High Street Pavement Cleaning**

Following the initial additional street cleaning funded by the Town Council, in timing with the Heart of England In Bloom competition councillors were asked to consider priority areas for additional street cleaning.

The Clerk was requested to identify the remaining balance in order that they could consider how much surface area could be cleaned.

**RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION**

**80/09-10 a. Routine Correspondence**

Members noted a list of routine correspondence available for viewing in the Read Folder – list **attached** at **Appendix 'C'**.

**81/09-10 b. Emergency Committee – August Recess**

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint the following members to the emergency committee to operate during the forthcoming recess:

**Cllr Gratton  
Cllr Norton  
Cllr Scammell  
Cllr Unwin**

**82/09-10 c. Civic Sunday**

Cllr Forrester was asked to assist in the co-ordination of Civic Sunday primarily to encourage more community groups to take part in the parade.

**83/09-10 d. The Annabelle Lady Boughey Charity**

Members **RESLOVED** to appoint **Cllr Gratton** as the **Town Council representative to the board of Annabelle Lady Boughey Charity.**

**84/09-10 e. Town Emblem**

Members agreed in principle to developing the Town Emblem in to a flag/banner for display purposes. A number of practical and cost issues would need to be considered and the Clerk was requested to undertake a fact finding exercise on behalf of the Town Council.

**85/09-10 f. Town Councillor Casual Vacancy**

The Clerk updated members regarding the casual vacancy. 2 candidates had expressed a wish to be elected (Mr Dove and Mr Scott). Polling cards would be issued and the election is planned for Thursday 30 July 2009.

**86/09-10 g. Town Guide**

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received regarding the production of the next edition of the Town Guide.

**TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**87/09-10 a. Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting-Minutes**

Members noted the unsigned minutes of a meeting held on 10 June 2009

**88/09-10      b. Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC)**

Members considered the previously circulated document and **RESLOVED that the Clerk write to the authors and express their support for considering the reintroduction of the Stafford to Wellington rail link.**

**89/09-10      c. Advertising Boards**

Members noted correspondence from Telford & Wrekin regarding enforcement and the unavailability of an enforcement officer to visit Newport regarding the matter. The advice previously forwarded was reiterated.

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

**90/09-10**      The Clerk advised members of the responses to the questionnaire formulated by the Mayor and Cllr Unwin and **RESOLVED to accept their recommendations as the view of the Town Council.**

**91/09-10      EU MATTERS**

Nil

**92/09-10      NATIONAL / REGIONAL MATTERS**

Nil

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Signed .....

Dated .....