



# NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on

Wednesday 14 October 2009

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Jakeman – Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Gratton Stanton

### 127/09-10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 128/09-10 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to take questions from the Public. Mr Tipton raised the issue of Anti-social behaviour on the Stafford Street Car Park.

A summary of the points raised is attached at Appendix 'A'.

### 129/09-10 Victoria Park Regeneration Proposals

Members welcomed Jenny Coats and Philip Wimbourne officers from Telford & Wrekin Council who gave a very informative and comprehensive outline of the proposals for Victoria Park Regeneration. Copy of drawing is attached at Appendix 'B' and a resume of the briefing is attached at Appendix 'C'.

**130/09-10 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A copy of the Town Mayor's & Deputy Mayor's engagements for September 2009 is **attached at Appendix 'D'**.

Cllr Scammell informed members that he had attended a meeting with the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire and Marc Simpson of the SK8 Park to discuss the official opening of the Park by HRH the Princess Royal. The Mayor requests that all Councillors endeavour to support this prestigious event on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

**131/09-10 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2009 were approved as a true record.

**132/09-10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**FINANCE  
133/09-10**

**Finance Report**

The Finance Reports for September 2009 **attached at Appendix 'E'** were approved and the payments therein ratified.

**134/09-10 Thank You Letters**

Members acknowledged receipt of thank you letters received for previously awarded grants from:

- (1) Church Aston Thursday Club
- (2) Donnington Boxing Club
- (3) The Saturday Club
- (4) No Panic

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

**135/09-10 Local Council Review (LCR)**

Members acknowledged receipt of the Publication.

**EU MATTERS  
Nil**

## NATIONAL / REGIONAL MATTERS

### 136/09-10 Princess Royal Hospital

Members noted receipt of the correspondence regarding the petition opposing proposals by the NHS to alterations in working practices of the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

Members supported the involvement of the MP Mark Pritchard and the Leaders of Telford & Wrekin Council Andrew Eade, and will follow closely any further developments.

Members **RESOLVED to support the motion proposed by Telford & Wrekin Council in that they fully back and are committed to action and a campaign to protect Princess Royal Hospital as the cornerstone of acute health service in the area.**

### 137/09-10 Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Planning (IRMP) Process

Cllr Forrester volunteered to review the questionnaire, and will bring the result to the November meeting for forward transition to the Fire Service. Cllr Forrester will attend the 'forum' as Town Council representative on 4 November 2009.

## TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AREA MATTERS

### 138/09-10 Children and Young People Active Involvement Awards

Members noted correspondence received.

### 139/09-10 Winter Service Policy Review

Members noted the Policy **attached at Appendix 'F' and RESOLVED: to provide the Clerk with any areas of particular problems for consideration of a Salt Bin.**

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

### 140/09-10 Community Safety Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the unsigned CSC Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 copy **attached at Appendix 'G'.**

**141/09-10 CCTV**

Members considered the view formed by the Community Safety Committee also residents, and were in favour of extending the CCTV to include Stafford Street Car Park.

In the mean time the Clerk was asked to communicate with the local policing team, asking that the dome hawk camera be reintroduced as a temporary measure. The Clerk was further asked to investigate the financial impact on the Town Council of an additional camera for consideration at the budget meeting. Members acknowledged the efforts of PC Tonks in trying to secure funding through the community cash back scheme.

**LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**142/09-10 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

Members noted the unsigned L&ES Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 **attached at Appendix 'H'**.

**143/09-10 Bench Repair**

Members **RESOLVED to approve expenditure of up to £250 to repair the Oak bench located outside the Old Rectory.**

**RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION**

**144/09-10 Routine Correspondence - September 2009**

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

**145/09-10 Civic Ceremony for the Burton Borough Band**

Cllr Roy Scammell informed Members that an event is planned to take place at St. Nicholas Church on Friday 22 January 2010. More details will be provided as they become known.

**146/09-10      Town Guide**

Members received a copy of the lasted Town Guide it was agreed that copies of the Town Guide be made available at locations throughout the Town and at locations where potential visitors to the town may see them e.g. transport links, local hotels etc. The Town Clerk will co-ordinate.

**147/09-10      Town Emblem / Flag**

Members **RESOLVED** to consider a **Guildhall Flag** as part of **budget expenditure for 2010/11**.

**TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**148/09-10      Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting-Minutes**

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of a meeting held on 9 September 2009.

**149/09-10      EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

Members **RESOLVED** that in view of the special nature of the **business about to be transacted that is to discuss financial and staffing issues that it be in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.**

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Signed .....

Dated .....