



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on

Wednesday 11 November 2009

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Jakeman – Town Clerk

Members welcomed Mr David Adams who presented a book in memoria to the men of Newport who died in 2 World Wars 1914-18, 1939-45 and whose who survived as members of the King's Shropshire light infantry 1914-18. Mr Adams gave a brief description of the reasons for the production of the volume. The Town Mayor, Cllr Roy Scammell, thanked Mr Adams for the book and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Council and the people of Newport for his dedication and commitment to maintaining the memory of these Men.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Carter.

156/09-10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

157/09-10 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

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

Mr W.G. Hesbrook of Meadow Road, Newport, raised the issue of Christmas Lights along Stafford Street.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A copy of the Town Mayor's & Deputy Mayor's engagements for October 2009 is **attached at Appendix 'B'**.
- b. An invite from The Burton Borough School to attend their annual presentation evening was copied to all councillors.
- c. Cllr Gratton advised members of Telford & Wrekin Council's intention to hold 2 drop-in sessions, to view the Newport High Street Improvements proposed by the Newport Regeneration Partnership. Sessions will take place in Cosy Hall on Friday 20 and Monday 23 November from 11am to 8pm.
- d. Cllr Stanton advised members that the Regeneration Partnership were looking for ideas, of a small scale nature, which they could consider.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2009 were approved as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

CCTV (Item 141/09-10 refers). Costings (approx £6000) have been provided and included in the budget proposals for next year.

FINANCE
161/0910

Finance Report

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

Cllr Stanton advised that he would wish to update members on financial procedures following attendance (with Cllr Gratton and Cllr Scammell) on a SALC course. The course related to accounts management and setting the precept. Cllr Stanton requested that it be discussed in confidential session.

162/09-10

Thank You Letters

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

- a. Forton Cricket Club

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Grants

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

a. To award Section 137 Grants as follows:

	£	CDA*
Beaumaris Singers	200.00	N
Newport Music Club	300.00	N
Church Aston Wine Circle	100.00	N
VITALISE	124.50	+
Newport Bowling Club	300.00	+

b. To award a Section 19 Grant as follows:

Bougey Gardens Tennis	500.00	+
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c. To Award Youth Grants as follows:

Newport Detachment/Shropshire ACF	300.00	+
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*CDA Crime and Disorder Act
n = neutral impact
+ = positive impact

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Cemetery Extension

In order to undertake an appropriate assessment of the cemetery extension the Clerk advised members that a detailed survey would need to be undertaken, including the assessment of any drainage requirements it was considered that circa £2.5k would be needed to undertake the survey.

Members **RESOLVED** to expend, up to the balance (£3974.06) of the Cemetery Grounds work budget (an Ear Marked Fund) to commission a detailed site survey of cemetery extension purchased in 2005.

165/09-10

Tree Survey

The Clerk advised that at the recent L&ES meetings a desire to conduct a thorough tree survey, (to identify precisely, any works to be undertaken) was expressed. There are sufficient funds available in this year's revenue account to commission the work in the current financial year.

Members **RESOLVED** to expend up to £800 to implement a **Tree Survey of the Cemetery and St Nicholas Church Yard, with funding to be divided equitably between; Cemetery Miscellaneous grounds maintenance and St. Nicholas Church Yard Maintenance.**

TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

166/09-10 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of a meeting held on 14 October 2009.

NATIONAL / REGIONAL MATTERS

Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Planning (IRMP) Process

Cllr Forrester briefed Members on the Stakeholder Forum held on 4 November 2009. Members thanked him for taking the time to take part in the consultation and speaking with local retained fire-fighters to ensure a balanced view. Cllr Forrester advised that he had completed a questionnaire indicating his support for the proposals.

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AREA MATTERS

167/09-10 Winter Service Policy Review

There were no recommendations put forward for additional grit bins.

168/09-10 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Extra Programme.

Members noted correspondence on the matter and were advised that recommendations for the sighting of additional SIDs should be submitted to the Clerk for inclusion with the next agenda.

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

169/09-10 Routine Correspondence

Members noted a list of routine correspondence received during October **attached** at **Appendix 'E'**.

St. Georges Day Celebrations

Cllr Scott outlined his thoughts on St. Georges Day Celebrations for 2010, suggesting a number of simple but effective activities that might be appropriate but asked that members consider novel ways in which they may participate. Members were fully supportive of the initiative and considered canvassing the community for their ideas. Cllr Scott volunteered to gather initial ideas and report back to the Town Council.

170/09-10

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

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