



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on

Wednesday 13 January 2010

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Scammell – Town Mayor
Ashley
Carter
Forrester
Gratton,
Meredith
Norton
Nelson
Scott
Stanton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Jakeman – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs: Unwin and Walker, both due to sickness.

204/09-10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

205/09-10 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

There being no members of the public present wishing to raise questions, the meeting continued.

206/09-10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

207/09-10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 09 December 2009 were approved as a true record.

208/09-10 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCE

209/09-10 a. Finance Report

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

210/09-10 b. Bank Reconciliation

Members noted that a reconciliation of the Bank account statement had been undertaken by Cllr Norton.

211/09-10 c. Quarterly Budget Report

Members noted the Quarterly Budget Report relating to budgetary spend to date **attached** at **Appendix 'C'**.

212/09-10 d. Thank You Letters

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

- (1) Church Aston Wine Circle
- (2) The Salvation Army
- (3) British Heart Foundation

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

213/09-10 a. Allotment Provision

The Town Clerk advised Members that Telford & Wrekin Council have not as yet completed the survey (which is currently in draft format) and would be in a better position to issue a statement once all the data had been compiled some time in the spring.

214/09-10 b. Tree Survey

Members noted the commissioned report and noted that the Leisure & Environmental Services committee would review the report at the next meeting to be held on 27 January.

(Hard Copy available at the Guildhall, electronic versions circulated to councillors)

215/09-10 c. Cemetery Extension

Members noted the report and noted that the Leisure & Environmental Services committee would review the report at the next meeting to be held on 27 January 2010.

A quick appraisal of the report by the Clerk suggested that it was likely that there was a significant amount of work to be undertaken however a detailed consideration would need to be undertaken to ensure complete understanding.

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RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

216/09-10 a. Routine Correspondence

Members noted a list of routine correspondence received during December **attached** at **Appendix 'D'**.

217/09-10 b. Annual Town Awards

Cllr Ashley informed Members that work was in progress and that it is intended for the presentation of awards to be made at the Annual Town Meeting.

218/09-10 c. St. George's Day Celebrations

Cllr Scott updated members on the meeting held in the Victoria Hotel in December. There was still a need for more people to come forward to support the initiative. A further meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 28 January in the Victoria Hotel starting at 7.30pm.

219/09-10 Civic Ceremony – Burton Borough School

Cllr Scammell informed Members that the ceremony to commemorate the Burton Borough Band's recent achievements would be held in St Nicholas Church on Friday 22 January. The event would start at 7pm and members were encouraged to attend.

220/09-10 Annual Town Meeting

Members noted that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 March 2010 and 7.00 p.m. in The Cosy Hall. The Town Council Annual awards would be presented during the evening.

221/09-10 Town Council Meetings

Cllr Stanton briefed Members on comments he had received and proposed that the timetable of meeting shown at **Appendix 'E'** be adopted for the civic year 2010/11.

The motion was not carried.

TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

222/09-10 a. Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2009.

223/09-10 b. Central Square Night Club

Member received a brief from Cllr Scott on a proposal to write to the owners of Central Square Night Club to gain what future plans they have for the outside of the building, bearing in mind that the building is one of the more prominent buildings in the Town and that the regeneration of the High Street was due to take place in the near future.. It was **RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the owners of the building to gain an understanding of the likely maintenance of the building in the short to medium term.**

224/09-10 c. Newport Regeneration Partnership

Cllr Nelson gave a resume of the most recent Regeneration Partnership activity. Work had been completed on the Canal Tow Path. The regeneration of the High Street was imminent, Victoria Park regeneration plans were near completion whereas the Canal Project had would need some more detailed work undertaken before it could move forward.

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

225/09-10 The NALC Leadership Academy Course

Cllr Scammell briefed Member on the course he attended in September he explained the vision plans which had been circulated and asked for Members to consider ways in which the Town Council could be more proactive.

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AREA MATTERS

Nil

COMMUNITY SAFETY

226/09-10 a. West Mercia Police Authority

Members considered an invitation to attend a consultation evening at Telford on Monday 18th January. Cllr Scott volunteered to attend on behalf of the Town Council.

(Clerks Note: Following the meeting Cllr Scott advised that he had a prior engagement and would be unable to attend)

227/09-10 b. Boxing Day Hunt

Cllr Forrester wished to thank the Local Policing Team (LPT) (Newport) for their support at the Boxing Day Hunt ride-out. Members considered that a formal letter of thanks be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Town Council.

Signature

Date: