



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on

Wednesday 14 April 2010

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Cllr Scammell -Town Mayor
Ashley
Carter
Forrester
Gratton
Norton (in part)
Nelson
Scott
Stanton
Unwin
Walker (in part)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Jakeman – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllr Meredith (Borough Council Scrutiny Committee):

280/09-10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

281/09-10 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

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

Details of questions asked can be found at **Appendix 'A'**.

282/09-10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A copy of the Town Mayor's engagements for March 2010 is attached at **Appendix 'B'**.

Cllr Scott disseminated a written brief to members on the plans for the St Georges day celebration – **copy attached at Appendix 'C'**.

283/09-10

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2010 were approved as a true record.

284/09-10

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

FINANCE

285/09-10

Finance Report

The Finance Report for March 2010 **attached at Appendix 'D'** was approved and the payments therein ratified.

(Cllrs Unwin, Nelson, Scott and Scammell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the lists of cheques for approval as they were potential recipients, and withdrew from the room when these cheques were approved).

286/09-10

Bank Reconciliation

Cllr Scammell advised Members that he had undertaken a reconciliation of the Bank account statement as at 31 February 2010 and had found nothing to report.

287/09-10

Quarterly Budget Report

Members noted the quarterly budget statement ending 31 Mar 2010 **copy attached at Appendix 'E'**.

288/09-10

Direct Debits

Members **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the list of direct debits for FY 2010/2011 listed at Appendix 'F'.

289/09-10

Newport Show

Members **RESOLVED** to:

Sponsor the Newport Show for £150.

290/09-01

Thank You Letters

Letters of thanks for grants previously awarded by the Town Council had been received from the:

- (1) Newport Troop Shropshire Army Cadet Force
- (2) Newport Cricket Club
- (3) Lilleshall Memorial Hall
- (4) Newport Music Club

291/09-10 Cemetery Extension

Members **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the expenditure of £2200 on commissioning a detailed costing of mitigating works which will be acceptable to the Environment Agency to allow for future burial ground.

Cllr Norton asked that it be noted that he voted against the resolution on the grounds that it was a cost to Newport Town Council that should not have arisen.

NATIONAL / REGIONAL MATTERS

292/09-10 Newport Postal Sorting Office

Members noted correspondence **copy attached at Appendix 'G'** expressed their concerns about the potential closure of the Newport sorting office and **RESOLVED that:**

The Clerk writes to a more senior manager than that of previous correspondence, to register their objection to the removal of a vital service to the residents of Newport.

And

For the Clerk to write similarly to the MP (once known) following the forth coming general election on 6 May 2010.

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) AREA MATTERS

293/09-10 A518 Newport prohibition of Right Turn Order 2010

Members noted the correspondence **attached at Appendix 'H'**.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

294/09-10 Highway Lighting

Members noted correspondence from Telford & Wrekin Council **copy attached at Appendix 'J'**.

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

295/09-10 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee - Minutes

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of a Leisure & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 24 March 2010 **copy attached at Appendix 'K'**.

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

296/09-10 **Routine Correspondence**

Members noted the list of routine correspondence received during March 2010. **attached at Appendix 'L'**

Wedding Charges

Members considered a brief from the Clerk **copy attached at Appendix 'M'** and **RESOLVED to:**

Set a fee of £125 per civil ceremony for the hire of the Guildhall from 1 April 2010 and undertake an annual review of charges during the Budget process.

297/09-10 **Town Emblem/ Flag**

Members **RESOLVED to:**

Approve the provision of a flag pole (and flag bearing the Town Council Emblem) on the Guildhall.

(The meeting was adjourned for refreshments- Cllrs Norton and Walker departed the meeting due to poor health).

298/09-10 **The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust**

Members consider correspondence **copy attached at Appendix 'N'** and delegated the matter to the L&ES Committee and asked Cllr Nelson to communicate the fact to an action group headed by Norbury Parish Council.

TOWN PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

299/09-10 **Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes**

Members noted the unsigned Minutes of a meeting held on 10 March 2010.

300/09-10 **Newport Regeneration Partnership (NRP)**

Members noted the Tabled Minutes of a Regeneration Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2010 **attached at Appendix 'P'**.

301/09-10 **Central Square**

The Clerk advised members that he had received no correspondence from the occupant of Central Square and was asked to write again to the owner for an update on the condition of the building.

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

302/09-10 Training Courses

Members noted a list of training courses offered by SALC.

303/09-10 Parish Pump

Copies of the Parish Pump were distributed to members.

**EU MATTERS
Nil**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

304/09-10 It was RESOLVED that in view of the special nature of the business about to be transacted (that is consideration of CCTV extension and Staffing Matters) it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded.

Signed

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