



Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 8 June 2005
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Glyn Gratton – Town Mayor
David Adams
Irene Evans
John Evans
Brenda Flowers
George Franks
Glyn Holland
Adrian Meredith
Bob Unwin
Sally Wiggin

IN ATTENDANCE: D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Janette Treagust and Cllr Martyn Edwards

27/05-06 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

Since no members of the public were present, the meeting continued without suspension.

28/05-06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Irene and John Evans and Cllr Brenda Flowers declared a personal interest in the grant application by the Friends of St. Nicholas as members of the congregation and took no part in its determination.

29/05-06 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A copy the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached at Appendix 'A'**. The Mayor announced that his charity initiative will be to create a garden at the Newport Cottage Care Centre.

- b. The Town Clerk informed members of an open evening to be held at Telford Library by the Telford & Wrekin Libraries and Shropshire Archives on Tuesday 28 June 2005 from 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.
- c. Temporary Road Closure Notices have been enforced for the Street Fayre on 17 June 2005 and the Newport Carnival Procession on 11 June 2005.
- d. The following newsletters have been received:
 - (1) CPRE Countryside Voice – Summer 2005
 - (2) CPRE Fieldwork – June 2005
 - (3) S & News – Spring 2005

30/05-06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2005 were approved as a true record.

FINANCE

31/05-06 Finance Report

The Finance Report for May 2005, attached at Appendix 'B' and the payments therein were approved / ratified.

32/05-06 Audit of Accounts 2004/05

All members present made an assurance that there is no conflict of interest with the Council's auditors by confirming that none use the services of Winross Hacker Young of Vittoria Street, Birmingham outside of their relationship with the Town Council.

The Town Clerk will seek a similar assurance from Cllr Janette Treagust and Cllr Martyn Edwards.

33/05-06 Thank You Letter / Return of Grant

Members noted a letter concerning the return of grant money made for the upkeep of the Neighbourhood Watch Vehicle attached at Appendix 'C'.

34/05-06 Grant Applications

Member considered applications for grants as detailed at Appendix 'D' and RESOLVED:

a. to award Section 137 Grants as follows:

	£	CDA*
Newport P's & Q's	50.00	n
Church Aston Thursday Club	50.00	n
PCAS	50.00	n
Shropshire & Mid Wales Kidney Patient Association	100.00	n
Relate	200.00	n
Samaritans	250.00	n
The Friends of St. Nicholas Church	25.00	n

b. to award Youth Grants as follows:

Telford & Wrekin Borough Council	670.00	+
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c. to award Section 19 Grants as follows:

Wrekin Special Swimming Club	50.00	n
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* CDA – Crime & Disorder Act
N = neutral impact
+ = positive impact

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

35/05-06 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2005. They were informed of and welcomed the successful planning application for change of use of land adjacent to Newport General Cemetery for burial purposes.

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

36/05-06 SALC Staffing / Briefing Sheet

Members noted the changes to office staffing and general briefing notes on the role of SALC attached at **Appendix 'E'**.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

37/05-06 Telecommunications Masts

Members noted a response from ODPM regarding Telecommunications Masts following a letter sent to Telford & Wrekin Borough Council, both attached at **Appendix 'F'**.

TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH MATTERS

38/05-06 Street Naming – Former Cattle Market Site

Members noted the final shortlist of names for consideration being:

Smithfield Close
The Smithfields

39/05-06 Small Business Relief

Members noted a final response from the Borough Council following on from a letter from Peter Bradley, former MP for the Wrekin, attached at **Appendix 'G'**.

40/05-06 Scrutiny Review - Car Parking

The Town Mayor briefed members on the meeting he had attended with the Scrutiny Panel charged with reviewing car parking in the Borough. Consultation has been wide ranging throughout the Borough and the final review findings will be published in the next few months.

41/05-06 Cabinet Membership

A list of the members of the Borough Cabinet for the Municipal Year 2005/06 was circulated to members and is attached at **Appendix 'H'**.

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

42/05-06 Staffing & Resources Sub- Committee

In March 2005 under Minute 285/04-05 a Staffing & Resources Sub-Committee was established under a resolution that membership had to reflect the political composition of the Council and that members hold no other appointments within the council. The appointed members were:

Cllr David Adams
Cllr Glyn Holland
Cllr Adrian Meredith
Cllr Janette Treagust

Following Cllr Treagust's election as Deputy Town Mayor, another Liberal Democrat needed to be appointed and it was **RESOLVED** that **Cllr Bob Unwin join the Sub-Committee.**

COMMUNITY SAFETY

43/05-06 T&W Bicycle User Group

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 9 May 2005 and the date of the next meeting (15 August 2005) as detailed at **Appendix 'J'**.

44/05-06 BT Public Payphone

In July 2004, the Town Council was approached by BT with a proposal to remove a public pay phone at the junction of Audley Road and Meadow Road, following public consultation over this very same box in 2002, a case was made to BT to retain the kiosk. This letter, together with BT's response is **attached at Appendix 'K'**.

A new request has now been made, superceding all other previous requests, to remove the payphone in Stafford Street opposite School Ground Lane, which members considered. A map of the town showing the likely area which could be affected, showing the telephone box position, and the next nearest phone at Audley Road is also **attached as part of Appendix 'K'**.

Members **RESOLVED** to conduct a public consultation of most likely affected properties by leaflet drop.
The Town Clerk will prepare a suitable response form to be delivered to households by members.

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

45/05-06 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 25 May 2005 attached at Appendix 'L'.

46/05-06 Public Toilets

Members considered a recommendation by the Committee under Minutes L&ES/9/05-06 and **RESOLVED to renew the interior paintwork at an approximate cost of £800 the money to be taken from balances.**

47/05-06 The Playing Field – Spring 2005

Members noted receipt of the Shropshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter and an article concerning changes to Licensing Fees attached at Appendix 'M'.

48/05-06 NT3P

Members noted a letter from Mr Bob King, the Rights of Way Project Officer, attached at Appendix 'N'.

Signed

Dated