



MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on
Wednesday 11 January 2006
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Edwards and Cllr Meredith.

198/05-06 SUSPENSION OF MEETING

There being no members of the public present, the meeting continued without suspension.

199/05-06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

200/05-06 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached at Appendix 'A'**.
- b. Members noted correspondence as follows:
 - (1) Thank You letter for Poppy Day collection
 - (2) Salopian Recorder – Winter 2005

201/05-06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2005 were approved as a true record subject to the addition of Cllr Wiggin's name to follow Cllr Irene Evans name in Minute 175/05-06.

FINANCE

202/05-06 Finance Report

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

203/05-06 External Audit 2004/05

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Certificate and Opinion of the External Auditor relating to the Town Council's Accounts for the year ending 2005, as attached at **Appendix 'C'**.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

**204/05-06 Standards of Conduct in English Local Government:
The Future**

Members acknowledged receipt of the latest consultation document, the covering letter of which is **attached** at **Appendix 'D'**, and deferred discussion to the February meeting of the Town Council.

TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH MATTERS

205/05-06 Telford & Wrekin Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)

Members noted the new arrangements to encourage partnership working detailed at **Appendix 'E'**.

206/05-06 Home Improvement Advice Leaflet

The Home Improvement Agency wish to follow up the distribution of household leaflets and requested members consider additional groups which could be targeted. The following contact details will be passed to the Agency:

Newport Cottage Care Centre.

207/05-06 Telford Town Centre Redevelopment

Members considered two letters **attached** at **Appendix 'F'**. They were disappointed that once again correspondence directed to the Chief Executive for his information and action has been dealt with as a complaint. It was **RESOLVED** that the **Town Mayor write to the Chief Executive expressing the strong feeling of the Town Council that matters brought to his attention should be responded to personally, even if only in the form of an acknowledgement, with an indication of when and from whom a full answer might be expected. The letter should be copied to the Borough Council Leader.**

RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

208/05-06 Meeting Dates 2006/07

The Meeting Dates for the Municipal Year 2006/07 are **attached** at **Appendix 'G'**.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

209/05-06 West Mercia Police Authority – Consultation

Members noted information released by West Mercia Police Authority relating to merger consultation, **attached** at **Appendix 'H'**.

210/05-06 Shropshire Ambulance Service Newsletter – Autumn 2005

Members noted receipt of the Newsletter.

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

211/05-06 The Marshfields, Audley Avenue, Newport

Members noted correspondence from Mark Pritchard MP, relating to his objections to housing development on the Marshfields site, **attached** at **Appendix 'J'**.

212/05-06 Newsletters

Members noted receipt of the following:

- a. Shropshire County Council – Path Times Nov. 05
- b. The Allotments Regeneration Initiative – Winter 2005
- c. S&News – Autumn 2005
- d. The Journal (ICCM) – Winter 2005

213/05-06 Footpath 3A

Members noted the Extinguishment Order for Footpath 3A and the Creation Order of 2005 to act as its replacement, **attached at Appendix 'K'**.

TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

214/05-06 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 14 December 2005.

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

215/05-06 Local Council Review – January 2006

Members acknowledged receipt of the Review.

216/05-06 SALC Annual Report & Accounts 2004-2005

Members noted receipt of the Report.

217/05-06 Wrekin Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Members noted the Minutes **attached at Appendix 'L'** and receipt of the Emergency Box.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

218/05-06 It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the special nature of the business about to be conducted (that is staffing issues), it is advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Signed

Dated