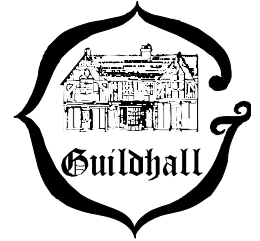


# Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



## MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on  
**Wednesday 14 September 2005**  
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  
Adrian Meredith  
Bob Unwin  
Sally Wiggin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D. L. Halliday – Town Clerk  
Mrs Diane Haselock – SK8 Park Project  
Mr Marc Simpson – SK8 Park Project  
PC Dave Parry – West Mercia Constabulary  
Mr Derek Owen – Telford & Wrekin Borough Council

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs. Martyn Edwards and Glyn Holland.

### **83/05-06 SUSPENSION OF MEETING**

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

### **84/05-06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Irene Evans and Brenda Flowers declared an interest in the Grant Application for the Rainbow Club as members and withdrew from the meeting for that item.

## 85/05-06 SK8 PARK PROJECT

Members welcomed Mrs Diane Haselock, Mr Marc Simpson, PC Dave Parry and Mr Derek Owen to the meeting to provide an update on the SK8 Park Project and the results of the Survey of Young People.

The Town Council was thanked for its continued supports, for without it the project would have died. Derek Owen was involved as a technical advisor, not representing the Borough Council. The initiative is a community issue.

The Survey which was sent to 1000 young people in May 2005 elicited 694 responses. The results were collated and analysed professionally and are **attached at Appendix 'A'**. The response confirmed the interest and there is now a need to move on with the Action Plan, also **attached under Appendix 'A'**.

A more specific survey can now be conducted to target skaters and ascertain what they want in style and design. The ultimate SK8 Park site is now the main issue and the Town Council is asked to give thought to the best possible site from the options of Church Aston Park, Norbroom Park, Victoria Park and the Shuker Fields.

The committee want to assure residents about any issues they may raise regarding skaters, the facility would be monitored and there would be coaching sessions, summer clubs etc. where adults would be present. Following a question and answer session the Town Council **RESOLVED to send a letter to the Committee confirming Norbroom Park as the preferred location for a SK8 Park.**

The Town Mayor thanked the Committee for their attendance and the commitment, enthusiasm and hard work to date.

## 86/05-06 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A copy of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached at Appendix 'B'**.
- b. Members were informed that the next meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin will be held at Burton Borough School on 28 September 2005 commencing at 6.00 p.m.
- c. Members were updated on the superb results of the Heart of England in Bloom (HEIB) Competition with Newport reconfirmed as Gold Award winner, winner in the Town Category and overall winner in the region. Members unanimously thanked the HEIB Committee and all the sponsors and volunteers for their efforts in achieving this result.

- d. Members also expressed thanks to Messrs Mick & Nick Jeggo on their work in staging the Newport Nocturne Race on 10 September 2005 and directed the Town Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

**87/05-06 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2005 were approved as a true record.

**FINANCE**

**88/05-06 Finance Reports**

The Finance Reports for July 2005 and August 2005, **attached at Appendix 'C'**, and the payments therein, were approved/ratified.

**89/05-06 Revenue Spend to 30 June 2005**

Members noted the Revenue Spend to 30 June 2005 **attached at Appendix 'D'**.

**90/05-06 Thank You Letters**

Members noted Thank You Letters for grants awarded, received from:

The Samaritans  
The Friends of St Nicholas Church  
Church Aston Thursday Club  
Newport & District Agricultural Society

**91/05-06 Grant Applications**

Members considered applications for grants detailed at **Appendix 'E'** and **RESOLVED to award grants as follows:**

a.	Section 137		C&DA*
	Rainbow Club	£100	n
	Visible Minorities Development Council	£55	(+)
b.	Youth Fund		
	Hope House	£250	n
	Childcare Support on Site	£100	n

c. **Section 19**

**Wrekin Ladies Hockey Club      £100      +**

**\*Crime & Disorder Act              n = neutral  
(+) = positive**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**92/05-06      Issues raised with Telford & Wrekin Borough Council**

Members noted a response from the Borough Council to various issues raised with them, copy **attached** at **Appendix 'F'**.

**93/05-06      "Boy Racers" – Longford Road**

Members were informed that the Car Park in Longford Road where "boy-racers" have been reported as congregating is owned by George Wimpey. The Borough Council will liaise with them regarding the problem.

**94/05-06      Blocked Drains / Flooding in the Newport area**

Members noted a response to a letter consolidating reports of blocked drains and flooding **attached** at **Appendix 'G'**. They will monitor the situation following the next heavy rain.

**95/05-06      CCTV Coverage of New Street Car Park**

The Town Clerk informed members of correspondence between a local businessman and the leader of Telford & Wrekin Borough Council regarding vandalism to vehicles on the New Street Car Park and a request for CCTV coverage. At present the Borough are not in a position to install CCTV in District centres and have no immediate plans to do so.

**96/05-06      West Mercia Crime Stoppers**

Members noted information about the Crime Stoppers initiative **attached** at **Appendix 'H'**.

**97/05-06      E ON Energy Service (E Es)**

Members noted a letter detailing name changes with regard to E ES **attached** at **Appendix 'J'**.

**98/05-06      T& W Bug**

Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 15 August 2005 **attached** at **Appendix 'K'**.

**99/05-06 Shropshire Fire & Rescue Consultation**

Members **RESOLVED** to submit individual responses to a **Consultation Questionnaire** regarding proposed changes to **Service provision, attached at Appendix 'L'**.

**LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**100/05-06 Conclusive Map of Registered Common Land and Open Country**

The Town Clerk informed members that the Map of the area applying to Newport is held in the Guildhall and indicates no Common or Open Land within the town boundaries.

**101/05-06 Public Rights of Way – Walking Survey**

Members were informed that a survey form has been circulated to all households receiving the Insight newsletter.

**102/05-06 The Playing Field – Summer 2005**

Members noted receipt of the newsletter.

**103/05-06 Dog Fouling Strategy**

The Town Clerk briefed members on a meeting she had attended with Chris Jones and Adrian Corney, Telford and Wrekin Borough Council's Environmental Maintenance Officers. They had apprised her of the latest strategy to combat dog fouling which could ultimately result in on the spot fines. New warning signs will be placed in areas blighted by dog fouling and new litter bins will be marked to indicate that dog waste can be deposited in them.

Parish Council logos can be placed on the warning signs as part of partnership working. Examples of signs and bins are **attached at Appendix 'M'**.

**TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**104/05-06 Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes**

Members noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2005.

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

**105/05-06 Parish Pump – July / August 2005**

Members noted receipt of the Newsletter.

**NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS**

**106/05-06 Green Paper on Youth Matters**

Members deferred consideration of the Green Paper circulated on 25 July 2005, to the October council meeting.

**107/05-06 Meetings with MP**

Members instructed the Town Clerk to invite Mark Pritchard MP to attend a Council meeting between January and April 2006.

**108/05-06 Sustainable Communities Bill**

Members **RESOLVED to support the Bill and recommend its backing to Mark Pritchard MP as detailed at Appendix 'N'.**

**TELFORD & WREKIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**109/05-06 Newport Maintenance Advice Project**

Cllrs Irene Evans and Glyn Gratton briefed members on a meeting they had attended with Neil Brookes and Paul Smith of the Borough Council's Maintenance Advice Service. Newport has been selected for a pilot scheme sponsored by government funding to offer maintenance advice to all elderly householders in private housing. Newport has been selected because it has the highest percentage of senior citizens in the Borough. Draft advice leaflets on how to access the scheme are **attached at Appendix 'P'.**

The Town Council expressed its full support for the scheme and members have offered to deliver the leaflets to all households with the new Town Guide.

**110/05-06 Borough of Telford & Wrekin (off Street Parking Places) Order 2005**

Members welcomed receipt of the Order removing car parking charges in Newport made on 28 July 2005.

**111/05-06 Telecommunication Masts**

The Town Clerk has received a copy of the latest policy adopted by Wolverhampton City Council which members can refer to if needed.

**112/05-06 Senior Citizens Forum**

The Telford & Wrekin Forum now has a website <http://tandwseniors.org.uk> which carries the newsletter. Hard copies can be obtained from Jill Henderson on 01952 293500.

**113/05-06 Local Development Framework (LDF)**

Members noted dates for exhibitions on the LDF in Newport and the consolidated report circulated in the Insight Newsletter. The detailed reports will be circulated to all members once received who will submit written comments to the Clerk before 3 October 2005 for consideration at the October Council meeting.

**114/05-06 LDF Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

Members **RESOLVED** not to make a Council Response to the SCI previously circulated on 15 August 2005.

**115/05-06 Ethical Standards Bulletin – Summer 2005**

Members noted receipt of the Bulletin, **attached** at **Appendix 'Q'**.

**RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION**

**116/05-06 Newport (Shropshire) Exhibition Fund and Adams and Perks Charities**

Members considered a letter **attached** at **Appendix 'R'** and **RESOLVED** to nominate the under mentioned as trustees of the charity:

**Cllr John Evans  
Cllr George Franks  
Mr Malcolm Miles**

**117/05-06 Civil Partnerships**

Members noted an update on recent legislation governing civil partnership detailed at **Appendix 'S'**.

**118/05-06 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the special nature of the business about to be conducted (that is consideration of tenancy agreements relating to 3/3A High Street, Newport) it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

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Signed .....

Dated .....