



# NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

*DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING*

**Minutes of a Meeting  
Community Safety  
held on**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Thomas Janke – Chairman  
Graham Foster  
Lyn Fowler – non-voting member  
Tim Nelson  
Phil Norton  
Tom King

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sheila Atkinson – Town Clerk  
Cllr Peter Scott – ex-officio member  
PC Lee Thomas – West Mercia Constabulary  
PCSO Jack Benthall – West Mercia Constabulary

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Tony Forrester (holiday)

**CS/50/ 18-19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**CS/51/ 18-19 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by Cllr Janke.

**CS/52/ 18-19 PUBLIC SESSION** – There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the meeting continued.

*Clerk's note: As there was not a specific agenda item regarding Parking, prior to the commencement of the meeting, correspondence was distributed from a resident, reiterating his comments expressed at the Town Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, with particular reference to continued unclarity as to the role of the ICM team to undertake dedication to dealing with key issues. The correspondent questioned whether Councillors have made parking enforcement, which appears to be a major issue, one of the "key issues" and pushed for it to required more attention.*

*Members assured the public gallery that the issue would be addressed during the debate within the item relating to the Service Level Agreement for the ICM.*

**CS/53/ Community Speed Watch  
18-19**

PC Lee Thomas and PCSO Jack Benthall of West Mercia Constabulary, provided information regarding an initiative being implemented and potentially established locally, to address excessive and inappropriate speed. The scheme aim is for communities which raise speeding as a concern through their local safer neighbourhood policing team, parish council or other established community groups appropriate to the area, to take an active role in road safety and make their community safer.

Community Speed Watch schemes are coordinated and evaluated by the police but managed and run by volunteers. Training on use of the equipment, risk management, including health & safety are undertaken and covered by the relevant police force's public liability and insurance policies.

Locally, Edgmond has a community speed watch which is proving successful, and generally the scheme is considered more appropriate for the more rural community. However, with data that has been collected from our mobile SID's there is a potential that the community of Newport would benefit from such a scheme to provide a deterrent for people driving irresponsibly.

PC Thomas provide information and details of how potential volunteers can get involved; by contacting the local safer neighbourhood team, calling 101 or online at [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

Members thanked PC Thomas and welcomed the opportunity to for Newport to be part of the initiative.

**CS/54/ COMMITTEE FINANCES  
18-19**

Members noted the latest income and expenditure report.

**CS/55/ INTEGRATED COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (ICM)  
18-19 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)**

- a. Following a recommendation from the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March; that this committee discuss and review the agreement in full to ensure Newport Town Council are getting what they initially signed up for within the SLA.

Members debated the subject, and received further information from West Mercia police and the clerk on the ongoing negotiation for signature to carry on with the commitment.

Members were reminded that this Council had signed up to a 6 year deal with the local police, with funded via a grant from Telford & Wrekin Council for the first 3 years, this part-funding ends in March 2020. Newport Town Council pays for one half of a Police & Community Support Officer in collaboration with Wellington Town Council, each town council paying £15,000 per annum.

Following lengthy debate and consideration of aspects related to parking enforcement, anti-social behaviour, HMO's, introduction of a borough wide Traffic Restriction Order to enforce pavement parking and obstruction, and the impending introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement, Members agreed to sign the SLA with some minor amendments, and instructed the Clerk to continue to converse with Telford & Wrekin and West Mercia Constabulary regarding funding post 2020.

Cllr Norton wished it recorded that he objected to the Service Level Agreement.

- b. Members consider that the name "Safer Neighbourhood Team" (SNT) is misleading and not insightful enough for the general public to understand that it is a local policing team, and their point of contact for local issues. Members consider that this should be taken to a higher authority to consider a name change.

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

### CS/56/ 18-19 Town Centre Highways Improvement Package

Members noted and agreed a list with indicative costing for Town Centre Highways improvement to be carried out by Telford & Wrekin Council within the Town Centre Highways Improvements Package, stating that pressure was needed to be made to the Local Authority for time scale and clarity as to the delivery of these works.

| Scheme  | Cost £          | Notes   |
|---|-----------------|---|
| 6 no. school safety schemes - 4 x Electronic signs at each location | 120,000         | TWC confirmed this scheme must be delivered due to need to improve safety outside schools                   |
| Boughey Road / Wellington Road speed limit changes                  | 20,000          | CSC confirmed as a priority   |
| St Peter & St Paul safety scheme on Chester Road                    | 35,000          | TWC confirmed scheme must be delivered due to safety concerns   |
| Stafford Street Car Park long stay/short stay                       | 30,000          | CSC confirmed as a priority   |
| Station Road crossing improvements                                  | 30,000          | CSC confirmed as a priority   |
| Pave Lane gateways and HGV restriction                              | 15,000          | <i>Has to be delivered due to impact on Road Network with proposed large-scale developments in vicinity</i> |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>£250,000</b> |   |
| Fees and Contingency  | <b>50,000</b>   |   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£300,000</b> |   |

**CS58/ Avenue Road One Way and Beaumaris Road One Way  
18-19**

Following a proposal consultation of residents in the vicinity of Avenue Road, Avenue Road South, St. Nicholas Park, Beaumaris Road and Clemment Close, to gauge support or otherwise, for the introduction of a one way traffic scheme on their road network. Members **RESOLVED to provide Telford & Wrekin with the evidence gathered, which in the case of Avenue Road provides overwhelming support for the implementation, and that all information is the catalyst for the schemes to be delivered and used to support the proposal if funding is available.**

**Data Analysis at Appendix 1**

**CS59/ Wheelie Bin Stickers – Slow Down in Our Community  
18-19**

Members were appraised of the receipt of a batch of stickers for use on residential wheelie bins promoting "Slowdown in our Community" that had been provided by West Mercia Constabulary for use in locations where speeding traffic is of concern. Members consider that the method of distribution and preferred locations for the use of this informative information should be utilised by members and volunteer community speed watch once it is established.

**CS60/ Avon Dale Visibility Splay  
18-19**

Cllr Nelson informed members of concerns that had been raised regarding parked vehicles on Forton Road obstructing the visibility splay for traffic turning left (towards Shrewsbury) out of Avon Dale. The matter had been addressed by the SNT team.

**FOOTWAY LIGHTING**

**CS/61/ Maintenance Contract  
18-19**

Members were advised that the renewal of maintenance contract was still under review. As a specialist service there are limited companies to be approached, but negotiated are continuing.

**CS/62/ Additional Street Lights  
18-19**

Members considered requests for 2 additional street lights to be installed:-

- Alleyway leading from The Oval/Meadow Road to the School Ground Lane/Stafford Road
  
- Meadow View Rd, where it meets Saxon Drive

Correspondence in the form of an e-mail had been received from a resident of Meadow View Road strongly in support of the installation of the Meadow View lamp.

Members **RESOLVED:**

**To undertake survey and costing for both lights and proceed with the implementation if all criteria with engineering and support of neighbourhood is satisfied.**

**CS/63/ 18-19 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID's)**

Members received a report and the latest data analysis charts, which have also been sent to the police team. Feedback on the collected data has been provided which has proved very useful and identified locations for use of "enforcement". The SID's have been rotated regularly and have continued to provide the council with positive community feedback, especially the change of visual effect on the screen display settings.

**CS/64/ 18-19 PUBLIC TOILETS**

Members noted a report, stating that the toilets are considered to be in a good general condition as a result of the standard 'daily clean' and the regular 'Deep Clean'. Maintenance and repairs have been carried out during the last quarter which includes, a new hot water immersion heater, cylinder and boiler annual service, new dryer in the ladies toilets due to being beyond economical repair and maintenance to a flush problem with the disabled toilet.

Cllrs Foster & Nelson highlighted issues regarding the state of outside of the building:

- Graffiti on the rear wall (facing Waitrose)
- The Planters were in need of attention – empty and dead
- The gutter needed clearing of weeds
- The roof is in need of repair and a ridge tile needs replacing.

**CS/65 18-19 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

Members received an update via e-mail from DCI Bailey, confirming that the tender process has been completed and a preferred contractor to complete the CCTV/ Wireless upgrade has been selected. A meeting with the contractor to agree timescales and work schedules, has been arranged, and there will be a requirement for the contractor to view our equipment / cameras and provide with accurate costings etc.

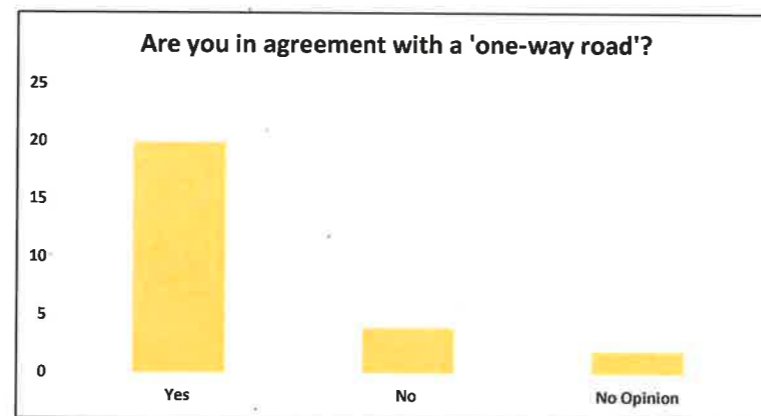
In anticipation of the CCTV live monitoring rollout in May/June a CCTV coordinator, Mr Alex Footman has been appointed by West Mercia Police to be a point of contact for the project.

Members welcomed the positive news and requested that Mr Footman be invited to attend the next Town Council (10<sup>th</sup> April) meeting to undated members.

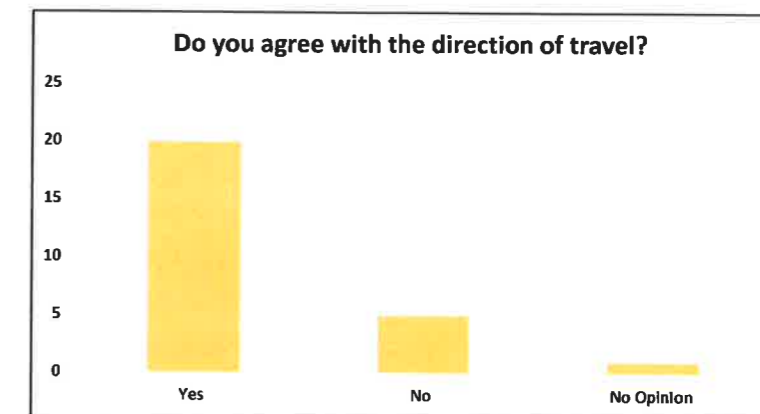
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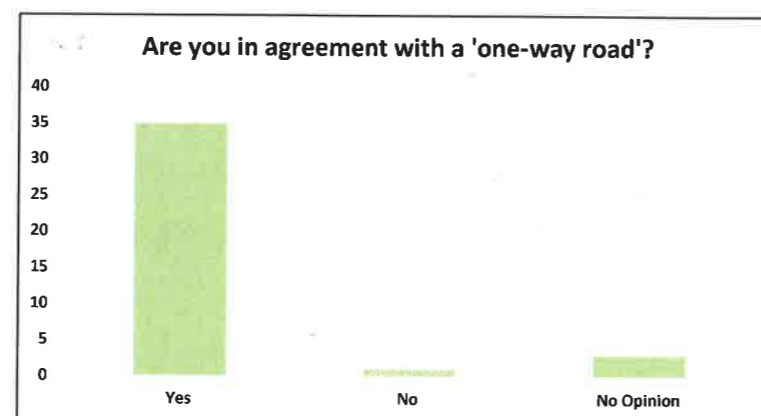
| BEAUMARIS ROAD/CLEMMETT CLOSE |    |
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| Question 1                    |    |
| Yes                           | 20 |
| No                            | 4  |
| No Opinion                    | 2  |



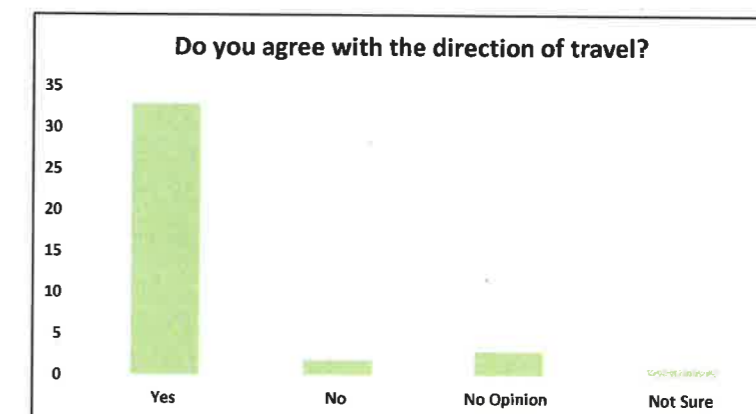
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| Question 2                    |    |
| Yes                           | 20 |
| No                            | 5  |
| No Opinion                    | 1  |



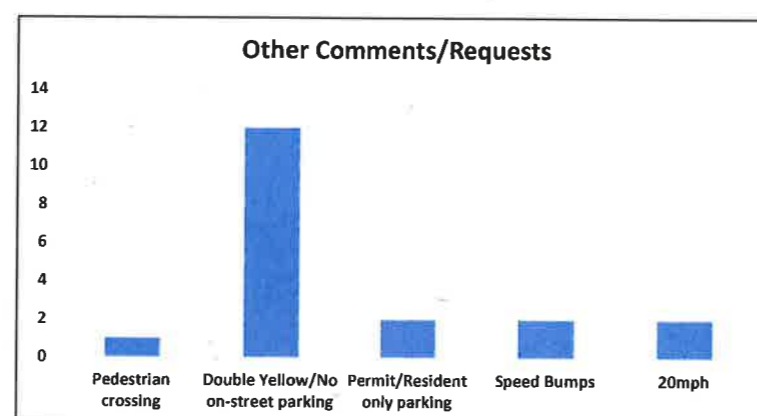
| Avenue Road/Avenue Road South |    |
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| Question 1                    |    |
| Yes                           | 35 |
| No                            | 1  |
| No Opinion                    | 3  |



| Avenue Road/Avenue Road South |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Question 2                    |    |
| Yes                           | 33 |
| No                            | 2  |
| No Opinion                    | 3  |
| Not Sure                      | 1  |



| Other comments/requests (BOTH ROADS) |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Pedestrian crossing                  | 1  |
| Double Yellow/No on-street parking   | 12 |
| Permit/Resident only parking         | 2  |
| Speed Bumps                          | 2  |
| 20mph                                | 2  |



**BEAUMARIS ROAD/CLEMMETT CLOSE**

46 houses from that 46 we had 26 responses

76.9% were in agreement with the one-way road  
15.3% were not in agreement with the one-way road  
7.6% had no opinion on the one-way road

76.9% agreed with the direction of travel  
19.2% did not agree with the direction of travel  
3.8% had no opinion on the direction of travel

**AVENUE ROAD/AVENUE ROAD SOUTH**

94 houses from that 94 we had 39 responses.

89.7% were in agreement with the one-way road  
2.5% were not in agreement with the one-way road  
7.6% had no opinion on the one-way road

84.6% agreed with the direction of travel  
5.1% did not agree with the direction of travel  
7.6% had no opinion on the direction of travel  
2.5% were not sure on the direction of travel