



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING

OF

THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

held on

Wednesday 20th September 2017

at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Tony Forrester
Graham Foster
Thomas Janke
Phil Norton

IN ATTENDANCE: Lee Jakeman – Town Clerk
Adam Brookes – T&W Council Highways Dept
Owen Wetherall - T&W Council Highways Dept
Cllr Lyn Fowler – Town Mayor
Cllr Peter Scott – Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr Eric Carter – Councillor
Cllr Tim Nelson - Councillor

CS/15/17-18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil

CS/16/17-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

CS/17/17-18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2017 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by Cllr Forrester.

CS/18/17-18 PUBLIC SESSION

Members **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to take comments from the Public.

Name	Graham Hobson - Meadow View Road
Subject	CCTV Update
Summary	Mr Hobson enquired as to the non-attendance of Inspector Bailey who had indicated at the previous meeting his willingness to attend this meeting. Mr Hobson was advised that Inspector Bailey had offered his apologies but had provided the Clerk with an update which would be divulged as a later agenda item.

Name	Helen Shepherd – Stafford Road
Subject	Double Yellow Lines
Summary	Mrs Shepherd read from a pre-prepared statement (which she handed out at the end) regarding a request for the provision of additional double yellow lines in close proximity to the bus stops near the Stafford Road/Daniels Cross.

There being no other members of the public present wishing to raise comments, **Members RESOLVED to continue the meeting.**

CS/19/17-18 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Members welcomed Mr Adam Brookes and Owen Witherall from Telford & Wrekin Council Highways department to summarise ongoing correspondence on a number of highways safety related matters in and around Newport.

A verbal summary of 9 costed traffic calming measures as part of funding primarily being available through S106 agreements in light of recent an ongoing development was provided.

Members discussed a number of aspects of the reports with the T&WC officers present. Members, were advised that the implementation of all the measures is likely to exceed the budget and therefore some prioritisation was required.

Adam Brookes agreed to forward copies of the reports in due course, via the Clerk, to enable members to consider in more depth and then identify to T&WC their priorities.

CS/20/17-18 ADDITIONAL HIGHWAYS PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Cllr Foster briefed members on issues raised in the area in the vicinity of the bus stops on Stafford Road closest to the roundabout with Daniels Cross. Members noted the comments raised in the public session at the start of the meeting and discussed the matter at length.

Members asked that Highways representatives present visit the site and consider the issues raised, including the potential to move the bus stop(s), introduce double yellow lines etc. and provide some options that can be considered at a future community safety meeting.

(Clerk’s Note: Councillor Scott arrived during this agenda item)

CS/21/17-18 HIGH STREET TRAFFIC - WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Members considered a view from Cllr Forrester that In the light of the quarry proposal on the edge of Newport that there is a need for a weight restriction in the High Street to deter heavy loads from passing through the Town.

Members noted that a potential solution might be available as part of one or more of the 9 costed traffic calming solutions provided earlier in the meeting. Members asked that consideration be given to width limits being imposed on the central roads (e.g.High Street) to improve safety in the centre of the Town.

CS/22/17-18 FOOTWAY LIGHTING

Members noted receipt of a routine report.

CS/23/17-18 PUBLIC TOILETS

Members noted receipt of a routine report.

CS/24/17-18 CCTV - UPGRADE

The Clerk advised that Inspector Bailey had offered his apology for being unable to attend the meeting and had provided a general overview of the matter:

- The timing has slipped and implementation is now likely to be in the first quarter of 2018. There has been a delay in producing the specification for the project.
- Funding has been secured from Telford & Wrekin and the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- The amount required as a contribution from Newport Town Council is as yet unconfirmed (but it is acknowledged that up to £35k is available from NTC).
- There will be a need for annual contributions by Newport Town Council to ongoing maintenance costs (levels as yet to be identified but anticipated in proportion to the amount of cameras).
- It is anticipated that a working group would need to be formed to include: stakeholders who are contributing financially and those who will have some part in implementing the scheme.

CS/25/17-18 INTEGRATED COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (ICM)

Members considered the effectiveness of the PCSO offer that the Town Council has engaged in with West Mercia Police and came to the general view that the priority for the Town Council and the reason for its investment was prominently around the lack of parking enforcement.

Members felt that there was insufficient evidence that the project was addressing its prime concern sufficiently to continue part funding the project beyond the current financial year.

Members commented upon the apparent lack of a police presence generally in the Town. Members considered that the lack of the reporting of crime through 101 to the police was contributing to the lack of police resource being present in Newport. Members asked that the Clerk publicise the need for residents to use 101.

CS/26/17-18 CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT (CPE)

Members noted that Telford & Wrekin Council would shortly (November) be holding a scrutiny committee meeting to discuss the viability/possibility of applying for powers of CPE. Members noted that it had been the view of Newport Town Council over many years that the police force were reluctant to carry out effective parking enforcement (since the withdrawal of traffic wardens in 2008) and that CPE appeared to be the only other method of having an effective parking enforcement regime.

Members **RESOLVED** to:

Formally recommend to the Full Town Council that ‘Newport Town Council calls upon Telford & Wrekin Council to speed up its scrutiny process to make it happen before March 31st 2018.’

CS/27/17-18 COMMITTEE FINANCES

Members considered a copy of the community safety income and expenditure report.

Members were invited to begin thinking about the community safety budget. In addition to the standard revenue items, members considered that the following items that should be included in the initial budget considerations for 2018/19:

- Funding for Newport Town Council to purchase 2 speed Indicator devices that can be sited and relocated as required by the Town Council.

-That there were likely to be significant budget savings around street lighting electricity costs if the aspiration to change the Town Council’s street lights to LED was achieved before the end of the current financial year.

- Members were advised to submit any additional request for budget conclusions to the Town Clerk over the coming weeks (latest date for submissions 27 Oct).

Signed.....

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