



# NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING

**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
held on  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
at  
**The Guildhall, High Street, Newport**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Peter Scott - Town Mayor  
Eric Carter  
Graham Foster  
Lyn Fowler  
Thomas Janke  
Thomas King  
Tim Nelson  
Phil Norton

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sheila Atkinson – Town Clerk  
Louise Tunks – RFO  
(3 Members of the Public)

**112/18-19 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Ian Perry – Work commitment  
Cllr Tony Forrester - Holiday  
Cllr Nigel Borrett – Work commitment  
**Absent:** Cllr Derrick Eggerton

**113/18-19 Declarations of Interest – none**

**114/18-19 Suspension of Meeting - Members RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to take comments from the Public:**

<b>Name (s):</b> Laura Janusch-Smith Louise Buckland
<b>Subject:</b> Street Lamp No. 147- Broomfield Place
<b>Summary:</b> As residents of Broomfield Place, both are very disappointed that the street lamp has been turned off. The area is extremely dark and dangerous without the street lamp, they are very concerned for safety, well-being and a fear of crime and the overall impact on <b>all</b> the residents on the cul-de-sac. They request that the lamp is reinstated as soon as possible.
<b>Name:</b> Graham Hobson
<b>Subject:</b> Nominal Leger Code: 4340 Roundabout Enhancement
<b>Summary:</b> Mr Hobson had previously questioned the reason why this item had not been spent. He noted that the budgeted funding was still to be carried forward into the 2019/20 Budget and now with a further financial increase.

Whilst on the subject of funding, Mr Hobson questioned the new play facility on the Wallshead Way Play area. Had the Town Council been consulted? It appears that the facility that is been created is within the Newport Boundary and not Church Aston Parish Council.

**Name:** Phil Norton – as a member of the Public

**Subject:** Remembrance Sunday

**Summary:** Wished to thank the Police Force for their support and keeping Newport safe on Armistice Day.

**115/18-19** Members **RESOLVED** to approve, as a true record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2018, subject to adding Cllr King to the list of attendees.

**116/18-19 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Members noted the Town Mayor’s engagements for October 2018:

Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Wellington Literary Festival - Brighthouse & Rastrick music event	Cllr Forrester attended
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Valedictory Service for Sir Algernon and Lady Heber-Percy - Even Song to celebrate the Shropshire Lieutenancy in the Abbey Church Shrewsbury	Cllr Norton attended
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Taste of Paradise – to celebrate the restaurant winning a “Best Chef” award	Cllr Scott attended
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	New Inn – Halloween Party to raise fund for the Mayor’s charities	Cllr Scott Attended

- b. Members noted the AGM of Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Telford & Wrekin branch will be held on 4th December, 19:30 hrs in Edgmond Village Hall.
- c. Members received notification that scaffolding is to be erected to the front elevation of the Royal Victoria Hotel (St. Mary Street) which will also include the two adjacent car parking spaces on the Highway.
- d. Members received correspondence from the High Sheriff of Shropshire with reference to the nominations for outstanding young citizenship award 2019
- e. Members received notification of the appointment of Mrs Anna Turner DL as successor to Sir Algernon Heber-Percy as Her Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Shropshire, from January 2019.

Signed .....

Dated .....



**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- 122/18-19 Community Safety Committee Minutes** - Members noted receipt of the unsigned minutes of a meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- 123/18-19 Police and Crime Commissioner’s Report** - Members noted the Town & Parish Councils survey results and the report.

**LOCAL POLICING – INTEGRATED COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (ICM)**

- 123/18-19** Members received notes from a meeting of the ICM local tasking team held on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Members raised concerns and requested more speed trails, and not necessarily just at peak times on Wellington Road, and the use of the mobile speed camera vehicle as they consider the road has a perceived speeding problem despite various schemes to mitigate the problems.
- 124/18-19** Cllr Nelson provided a précis document, and with Cllr Scott gave a verbal up-date on a meeting held with Superintendent Tom Harding in their capacity a Borough Councillors.
- 125/18-19 SmartWater Update** – Members were informed that Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion and Superintendent Tom Harding will formally launch Newport’s SmartWater at an event in the Guildhall chamber on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at 12.00 Noon – Cllr Nelson gave a verbal update on the distribution and progress to date, thanking those Cllrs that had supported the distribution project and especially two stalwart volunteers.
- 126/18-19** Members were given an overview of on-going issues raised with regard to Lamp No. 147 at Broomfield Place. Extensive works have previously been carried out to mitigate the resident’s complaint regarding the light outside their house following the LED up-grade. Members received information from the contractor, that there are very few options left to consider. Members **RESOLVED that the footway light be re-instated as soon as possible, in the context of public concern and safety, and that discussion continues with the contractor and the resident. Also provide an answer to the concern as to why it is that the illumination is getting brighter as the night draws on and especially as alleged to be at it’s brightest during the hours of 2.00am - 3.00am.**

**LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

- 127/18-19 Leisure & Environmental Services Committee Minutes** - Members noted receipt of the unsigned minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 128/18-19 Christmas Light Switch on Event** - Members noted the draft proposed schedule for the Christmas Lights Switch-on on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION**

- 129/18-19 Hub** – Members received an update from the Clerk and RFO on the lack of progression with the process to formally take on the purchase of the Hub.

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Dated .....

There are some charity commission implications and undertakings that the Trustees must legally agree and determine the way forward, to ensure that the youth club will continue as per covenants on the building.

- 130/18-19** Members received NALC Legal Topic Note 28 Basic Charity Law for information.
- Members were asked to consider this process as a procedure to take on the Hub as a sole trustee. Members **RESOLVED to delegate to the Town Clerk and RFO to explore further and provide an evaluation for the possibility as an alternative option for the acquisition of the HUB.**
- 131/18-19** **Social Media Policy** - Members noted a previous report and a draft policy previously considered at the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, with regard to implementing a social media policy, as recommended by the Internal Auditor. Members **RESOLVED to form a working group comprising of Cllrs Nelson, King and Janke to compile a policy returning to the December meeting of the council with a definitive proposal.**
- 132/18-19** **Public Participation at Meetings** – Members considered and become conversant with **Model Standing “2. MEETINGS GENERALLY (i)” and RESOLVED to articulate at the beginning of each meeting, including any committee meetings, a statement that inform of permission to report, whilst the meeting is open to the public, by means of film, photography or audio recording. A general statement will be prepared for use by the chairman at every committee meeting.**

#### **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- 133/18-19** Members noted the unsigned minutes of a meeting of a Planning & Economic Development committee held on 9th October.
- 134/18-19** **Planning Applications and Permissions Granted** - Members noted a Planning application list and a list of applications approved by the LPA **attached at Appendix ‘A’**. Members consider an extra-ordinary meeting of the Planning & Economic Development committee is necessary to discuss several current applications which require a corporate response.
- 135/18-19** **Ni Park Project Information Group** – Members received notes from a meeting of the Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

- 135/18-19** **A&E Department Princess Royal Hospital (PRH)** – Members considered a request for a donation toward a joint venture between Telford & Wrekin Council and SaTH to refurbish 3 houses on the site of PRH to provide free accommodation for junior and middle grade doctors. Members **RESOLVED to grant £2,500 towards the refurbishment.**
- 136/18-19** Members considered a request Telford & Wrekin Council to utilise section 106 monies (*s106 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - as amended*) from Planning Application TWC/2011/0821 to fund the Arriva 519 Saturday Bus Service to Shrewsbury. Having sort advice, and a review of the agreed s106

Highways Obligation, undertaken by the Developer within the application; Members **RESOLVED, they are of the opinion, it is not within their gift or power, to sanction this spend, believing it not to be a legitimate or appropriate spend for the identified elements in the Planning Obligations which must be directly relevant to the proposed development.**

- 137/18-19 Community Governance Review** – Members considered the report and the Draft Recommendations following a meeting of the T&W Boundary Review Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Members will submit comments to the Mayor, Cllr Scott and the Clerk for inclusion in a corporate response to this stage of the process of the Community Governance Review. The closing date for submission is 31<sup>st</sup> December. Members **RESOLVED to undertake a robust publicity campaign to encourage residents to understand the process, rational for the requested change to the boundary and engage in providing comments to the draft recommendations.**

#### **OUTSIDE BODIES**

- 138/18-19 Parish Charter Monitoring Group** - Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- 139/18-19 Wrekin Area Committee** - Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- 140/18-19 Cosy Hall Management Committee** – members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 141/18-19 Rural Forum and Speed Indicator Devices** - Members noted the Minutes of a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- 142/18-19 Rural Forum & Speed Indicator Devices Minutes**  
Members received supplementary information, facts and explanation regarding an ongoing judicial review being undertaken against the police & crime commission's business plan, from the Chairman of the Shropshire Fire Authority, (Eric Carter) with regard to the Minutes of a meeting of the Rural Forum held on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

- 143/18-19** Members **RESOLVED, In view of the special nature of the business about to be conducted (related to the of public footpath element of TWC/2016/0589), it was advised in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw”.**

**Confidential Session  
of a meeting held on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

*(Clerk's Note: While the detail of much of the discussion is considered to be confidential any decisions made are recorded for the public record)*

**144/18-19** Members welcomed the confirmation that the application TWC/2016/0589 as amended has now been granted. The footpath element has now been approved as part of the development, and as such further investigation was delegated to the Clerk to ascertain as to when the likelihood of the creation of the link is to be established / implemented, and to what specification is anticipated.

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