



# 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/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None  
18-19**

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

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/ PUBLIC SESSION – There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the  
18-19 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 for Newport to be part of the initiative.

**CS/54/ COMMITTEE FINANCES** Members noted the latest income and expenditure  
**18-19** report.

**HIGHWAY MATTERS**

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

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

Member were keen to have the schemes implemented as soon as possible:-

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Dated.....

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

Following a proposal consultation carried out by several Cllrs, to gauge support or otherwise of residents in the vicinity of Avenue Road, Avenue Road South, St. Nicholas Park, Beaumaris Road and Clemment Close 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, with the recommendation that this information is the catalyst for the schemes to be delivered and used to support the proposal for each scheme, if future funding becomes available.**

**Data Analysis** attached at **Appendix 1**

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

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 on residential streets 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 of the community speed watch once it is established.

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**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 the Street Lighting maintenance contract was still under review. As a specialist service there is a limit to the number of businesses or corporations that can be approached, but negotiations 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 residents in the neighbourhood is satisfied.**

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

Members received a report and the latest data analysis charts, which have also been sent to the local policing 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/ PUBLIC TOILETS  
18-19**

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'.

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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**    **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**  
**18-19**

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 to provide 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 the 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 update members.

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Appendix 1 to  
Community Safety Committee Minutes  
dated: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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