



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING
Community Safety Committee
held on
Wednesday 28th July 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs: **Garvey**
Janke
Lloyd
Nelson
Scott (in part – 7:15 pm arrival)
Syrda

IN ATTENDANCE: Sheila Atkinson – Town Clerk

CSC/1/21-22 Cllr Janke was unanimously elected as chairman of this committee to serve for the municipal year 2021/22.

CSC/2/21-22 Cllr Lloyd was duly elected to serve as Deputy Chairman for the municipal year 2021/22.

CSC/3/21-22 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Nelson - family commitment and Cllr Fowler as Ex-officio Member.

CSC/4/21-22 There were no declarations of interest.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

CSC/5/21-22 Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021 signed by the chairman.

PUBLIC SESSION

CSC/6/21-22 There being no members of the public present the meeting continued without suspension.

CSC/7/21-22 Members received updates on services under the remit of this committee:

a. Footway Lighting

- The Council continues to report all lighting faults, the most recent was No.3 on Adam Close which has been identified as 'no supply' and the repair has been passed to Western Power Distribution.
- The new lighting column between Lapworth Way and Stafford Road has been installed and added to the inventory as No. 515.

- Column 589 on Waterford Drive has been repaired following a suspected road traffic accident. Investigation and enquired of the local policing team for any information or reported incidents resulted with a negative response.
- Column 6 on the footpath of Victoria Park has been struck by a T&WC contractor's vehicle, it has been reported and an engineer will attend.
- No date yet for the column behind the Larches to be installed.

b. Public Toilets

- Public Toilets remain open with the operating times returned to normal.
- We are continuing with the deep steam clean every 3 weeks.
- There have been several failures of the flush system mechanism in the ladies' toilets. This situation is part of regular "repair and maintain" and spares are kept in house.

c. Community Action Team

- The Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers (NEO's) are a regular feature of the High Street.

Cllr Scott informed Members that he has received complaints and reports from residents of Granville Close regarding the misuse and parking on the double yellow lines. The NEO's had visited, and it appears that their presence does deter. However, Cllr Scott is still receiving reports, with a perception that they are not ticketing or performing their role.

Members were appraised that regular monthly contact is made between the clerk and officers from T&W and the SNT team. Cllr Janke requests that we need to be regularly receiving the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) and how many tickets are being issued to enable monitoring to ensure we are getting value for money.

- SS Peter's & Paul's School has been highlighted with the NEO and the SNT as a cause for concern with parking on the pavement and in appropriate parking. Unfortunately, much of the desired outcome will have to be delivered by "education" and change of habit as little or no TROs apply in the area, compounded with the reluctance to use the "walking bus" and no access to the school grounds for pick-up and drop off.

Members were informed that Cllrs Scott and Nelson had attended a site meeting as Borough Ward Cllrs, with officers from T&W Highways to discuss the installation of road traffic "zig-zag" restrictions in the vicinity of the school. A public consultation will be undertaken.

The new headmistress has also indicated that she will be encouraging and promoting the use of the walking bus at the start of the new term in September.

d. Speed Indicator Devices (SID's)

- NTC's mobile SIDs are currently located on Boughey Road and Chetwynd Road.
- The SID has been moved from Hampton Drive as there is no suitable lamppost at the desired location.
NB *that any concrete column that has shaft fitted to either its top or bottom will not support the SID.*
- The permanent SID on Wellington Road is not working. Liaison with the installation contractor Simmons signs to secure a repair is being negotiated.
- The SID on Forton Road will be moved to lamppost Z15. Members welcomed this action as very necessary.

Members discussed the SID's in some depth. Acknowledging that the purchase and use of these devices has been a great success and proving to be a valuable aid to raising awareness and reducing speeding within the town. However, they are very disappointed that the additional requests to purchase two more mobile units has not yet been carried out. The requirement for a unit to cover each of the 4 ward is imperative and must be actioned without delay.

Wellington Road permanent SID is considered to be of extreme importance, due to its close proximity to the schools, and must be repaired as soon as possible.

Members agreed that a robust system must be created for maintenance, reporting of fault and repairs, for both the mobile and the permanent units. There must be conditions whereby any reported faults are fixed within a minimum of 7 days.

Members acknowledged that there will be a cost implication and will require further investigation as to prices and contractual arrangements. However, the parameters will need to be set in readiness for an additional budget line in the next budget setting programme.

CSC/8/21-22 Safety Issue

Cllr Lloyd raised an issue, thought to be necessary for consideration as a safety concern which the town council might have some influence. The visibility at the junction on Broadway leading on to the Stafford Road is being dangerously obscured for drivers by one of the two silver birch trees. Members concurred that the issue should be reported on the "My Telford App" as a dangerous Highway Safety issue, by Cllr Lloyd as a resident of Newport. Cllr Janke will also report as Ward Cllr.

Meeting ended 7:50 pm.
