



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING
Community Safety Committee
held on
Wednesday 24th November 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs: **Garvey**
Janke
Lloyd
Nelson
Syrda

IN ATTENDANCE: Louise Tunks – Deputy Town Clerk

CSC/9/21-22 Apologies for absence were received from;
Cllr Scott - Prior commitment
Cllr Fowler as Ex-officio Member.

CSC/10/21-22 There were no declarations of interest.

CSC/11/21-22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2021 signed by the chairman.

PUBLIC SESSION

CSC/12/21-22 Members voted and **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take public questions on matters that form part of the agenda.

Each member of the public is entitled to speak, once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 5 minutes. Standing orders 2 d, e, f & g refers.

Mr Hobson - Raised a question on Agenda item no 5 with regards to the Community Action Team and asked why the enforcement officers walk around in twos and if issues such as ASB, litter, dog fouling, fly tipping etc were also being dealt with? as it appears they are just targeting parking?

There being no more members of the public wishing to speak Members **RESOLVED** for the meeting to resume.

CSC/13/21-22 Members received updates on services under the remit of this committee as follows:

a) Footway Lighting

- We are receiving a higher volume of reports with regards to lights out which is typical for this time of year. The repairs are usually completed within 5 working days.
- Greenacres Way fault is worth noting as almost the whole street is out and the repair has been passed on to Western Power Distribution as it is a supply issue. The deadline for WPD to attend is 1st December 2021.
- Waterford Drive lamppost replacement has not been scheduled yet due to the resource issue that Eon is currently facing and trying to resolve.

b) Public Toilets

- Opening times have changed to close earlier every day at 4.30pm. Current opening times 8am – 4.30pm
- Additional clean at 4pm and extended opening hours – 7pm has been agreed for the Christmas lights switch on.
- Additional deep clean is still being undertaken until further notice

c) Community Action Team – CAT - report attached appendix A

Members discussed the report in detail and a number of questions were raised by the committee. Members **RESOLVED for the following questions to be asked and update the committee with the answers at its next meeting:** -

- Visits for July and August state 1179 visits combined however, could they elaborate this detail by informing the Council how long they are spending in the Town.**
- There appears to be more ongoing actions than completed actions and a lot of parking ticket issued can this be explained in more detail?**
- It has been noted that the enforcement team appear to always be in twos to undertake traffic issues and members noted that other towns may only have one person - is there a reason for this action and if so, could it be confirmed?**
- How do the CEO measure if issues in Newport are being addressed?**

Members also highlighted that there has been an increase in presence by the community action team outside schools to tackle parking / traffic issues.

Members were also advised of the Cat team and police were to be present on the high street during the evening of 24th November and were welcome to visit the team on patrol after the meeting.

d) Speed Indicator Devices (SID's)

- Portable SIDs are currently located on Wellington Road, Chetwynd Road, Forton Road and Station Road.
- Permission to use two lampposts on Daniels Cross has been given by T&WC and Members are asked which SID they wish to move there.
- Permanent SID on Wellington Road has finally been repaired and put back.
- Some extract from the data taken from portable SID will be available on the website as public information

CSC/14/21-22 Winter Service: Town Council Snow Liaison Officers

The Parish Council Snow Liaison representative acts as the point of contact between the local people and Telford & Wrekin Council Officers engaged on winter service operations. The purpose is to help build and update a picture of local conditions and their area during the winter months.

- a) Members considered the Parish & Town Council Snow Liaison Representative (s) current incumbents Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Janke. Members **RESOLVED for Cllrs Lloyd & Janke to continue as Parish & Town Council Snow Liaison Representatives for the municipal year.**
- b) Members noted that TWC owe 4no. refills, in this municipal year for the NTC owned Grit Bins on Lapworth Way and Vauxhall Crescent.

CSC/15/21-22 Expenditure - Members were asked to identify priorities for the CS committee that are likely to have an impact on budgetary recommendations for the next financial year and noted a copy of the latest Income & Expenditure.

CSC/16/21-22 Budget Recommendations 2022 - 2023 - Members were asked to submit budget recommendations to the Chairman and Clerk prior to the meeting:

Members discussed the budget line by line and **RESOLVED to make the following recommendations to the Resource & Finance Committee and Full Town Council for consideration:** -

N/L 4200 Public Light Electricity - Increase from £18k to £21k

N/L 4206 Public Lighting new works - increase from £5k to 15k per annum additional street lighting identified in dark areas of the town and a year with priority to be given to lighting erected at Norbroom Park car park area.

N/L 4214 CCTV upgrade - budget of £3k - This will enable NTC to purchase another fixed camera to increase coverage in the Lower Bar area / Stafford Street and our own mobile 4G connected device and purchase of portable CCTV cameras to be sited within the town as and where required.

N/L4218 Smart Water - C/F £1000

N/L 4390 Toilets Electricity – increase from £1,700 to £2,300 – increase in electricity usage / charges

N/L 4392 Toilets rates – reduce to £nil - exemption on rates

N/L 4395 Toilets Maintenance / repairs reduce from £3,000 to £2,000

Recommendation to vire £15k from General Reserves to Ear marked Reserves to explore the possibility of replacing the current lights on Victoria Park and replace them with something more in keeping with the town aesthetics. Victorian style solar lighting for example as previously suggested for the Town Lock area.

Recommendation from the committee that the Officers investigate the possibility of EV charging points on Stafford Street, Car Park to be installed adjacent the toilet block and if any other carparks / supermarkets will be installing EV charging points on their land, furthermore, investigate if the Guildhall car park barrier electricians would facilitate electric for a EV charger on the Guildhall car park.

CCTV monitoring – discussion took place into the monitoring progress of the new CCTV system - Recommendation for the Clerk to contact TWC to request an update on the progress to date and any future plans.

Signed

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