



MINUTES

Minutes of a Special meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Ludlow Conference Centre, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE 2010** at **7.00PM**

FC/62 PRESENT

Chairman:	Councillor Aitken, Town Mayor
Vice-Chairman:	Councillor Pope, Deputy Mayor
Councillors:	Councillors Glaze; McCormack; Parry; Newbold; Smithers; Taylor-Smith; Wilcox
Officers:	Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk; Lucy Morgan, PA Chris Bayliss, Markets & Special Projects Officer
Also in Attendance:	R. Taylor-Smith, Unitary Councillor

FC/63 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors.

FC/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2007 issued under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 Members declared interests as follows:

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>
M. Taylor-Smith	Married to Member of Ludlow in Bloom Shropshire Council Unitary Councillor
V. Parry	Member of Ludlow in Bloom

Prejudicial Interests

A. Pope	Town Centre business owner (A-Boards)
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V. Parry

Ex-husband (Town Crier)

FC/65 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

Rosanna Taylor-Smith, Unitary Councillor wished the new Mayor success and prosperity for his mayoral year. She stated that Shropshire Council were in the process of assessing the Town Council's Consent Street request. She added that Shropshire Council were receiving positive feedback on the A-board pilot.

FC/66 EXTERNAL AUDIT 2008/2009

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That

FC/67 INTERNAL AUDIT 2009/2010

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That

FC/68 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That

FC/69 ACCOUNTS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE APRIL-MAY 2010

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That

FC/70 WHOLE MARKET RENTS

The Markets and Special Projects Officer introduced this item and explained to Members that

Following a question from Councillor Newbold the Markets and Special Projects Officer stated that the rental was only for the Market Square and did not include Post Office or Events Square. The Town Clerk added that currently permits for the use of Events Square and Post Office Square were free for community based activities, but that if the Council obtain Street Trading Consent powers from Shropshire Council this could be looked at again.

Councillor Pope queried what was meant by Summer and Winter, the Markets and Special Projects Officer explained that Summer was April to September and Winter October to March.

The Mayor informed the Council that this rent review was not to increase charges but to create parity across the year and events. Councillor McCormack queried whether these fees would be applied to all traders/markets equally, in response the Markets and Special Projects Officer stated that there needed to be some flexibility to apply discounts for example during bad winters as it is preferable to have discounted stalls to empty stalls.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That:-

- the new fees as per the report be approved and implemented on the 1st August.
- all traders who rent the whole market be informed of the change.
- the Council has flexibility to apply discounts in times of low turnout.

FC/71 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

The Chairman moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the public be excluded and the meeting continue in closed session.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Town Mayor

Date

N.B. Confidential Minutes will be issued.