



MINUTES

Minutes of a Special **COUNCIL** meeting held in the Ludlow Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow on **MONDAY 16th JULY 2012** at **7.00PM**.

FC/117 PRESENT

Chairman:	Councillor Pound, Mayor
Vice-Chairman:	Councillor Parry, Deputy Mayor
Councillors:	Aitken; Draper; Hunt; McCormack; Newbold; Perks; Phillips; Smithers; Toop; Wilcox
Officers:	Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk; Gina Wilding, Deputy Town Clerk; Stephanie Williams, Secretary

FC/118 APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

FC/119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Clerk explained to Members that following changes to the law with the Localism Bill an obligation to disclose personal or prejudicial interests no longer exists, legally Members only have to disclose pecuniary interests (DPI). She stated that the Monitoring Officer considered it good practice to continue declaring personal and prejudicial interests.

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

No personal interests were declared.

Prejudicial Interests

No personal interests were declared.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Member
G Perks

Item
SAMDev – Bromfield Road

FC/120 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were no members of the public or press present.

FC/121 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FEEDBACK (15 minutes)

The Town Clerk stated that all questions had been answered at the previous meeting.

FC/122 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Unitary Councillor R Taylor-Smith, Ludlow North relayed apologies from Unitary Councillor M Taylor-Smith, who was attending a Marches LEP meeting said she was very sad to hear of the damage caused to the Buttercross and the Town Clerk had given a good radio interview on the matter earlier in the day.

Councillor R Taylor-Smith thanked Councillors and staff for the time spent undertaking SAMDev public consultations on the Ludlow Market Square. She asked Members to note that the contact for the LJC was now Jane Palmer. Councillor R Taylor-Smith also reported that the resurfacing work on Gravel Hill had been undertaken at the weekend and the lines would be reinstated in the near future.

Unitary Councillor T Huffer, Ludlow East thanked Members and staff for all their work in collaboration with Shropshire Council that ensured the Marches Youth Festival on 29th June 2012 was a great success.

FC/123 MINUTES**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That approval of the minutes be deferred until next scheduled Council meeting.

FC/124 CONSULTATIONS**a) SamDev**

Councillor McCormack, Chairman of the SAMDev Working Group provided a written report from the meeting earlier in the day and explained the background including the previous written submission to Shropshire Council in 2010 and the

recommendations that the Working Group were making in response to Shropshire Council's subsequent SAMDev proposals.

Councillor Perks left the room at 7:05pm and returned at 7:10pm

RESOLVED (10:0:2)

That the following submission be made to Shropshire Council:-

1. The Working Group are basing their recommendations to Council on the following:-
 - a) The Council agreed document of 2010
 - b) The meeting with Ludford Parish Councillors on 13th June 2012 as recorded in the black writing.
 - c) The consultation on Ludlow Market Square on Saturday 7 July 2012.
 - d) The Shropshire Council proposal eastward along the A4117
 - e) Developer submissions re. Bromfield road and Foldgate.

Details of all the above will be provided with our submission.

2. We feel that the Ludford report is well argued and cogent, and there is nothing in it with which we disagree. We particularly support their desire to develop brownfield sites and small areas within the town boundary, where not on the flood plain, before any greenfield sites for residential development.
3. We continue to recommend development from the Sheet in a northerly direction as our preferred site when greenfield becomes necessary, as we think this will enable the new development to be provided with the best infrastructure of shops, pub etc. by concentrating any developer moneys.
4. We emphasise the points in the Ludford report regarding facilities for residents and emphasise both the existing facilities around the Sheet roundabout and the opportunity afforded by the proposed new development of the hospital to use development moneys to improve pavements, access road etc. We think Ludford's points about infrastructure are of paramount importance. We are asking for the development to be done in a manner that enhances, not constrains, development at the hospital site, and in particular a road further from the roundabout to access the new development which could permit expansion of that site if required. We believe that infrastructure e.g. sewerage, water supplies, drainage, pedestrian access and road access all need careful consideration.
5. The consultation on Ludlow Market Square provided a variety of different views, but there was no concerted opposition to the Ludlow Town Council proposals. The numbers of residents engaged with during the consultation was very small compared to the overall population.

6. The Shropshire Council's proposal of a ribbon of development eastward along the A4117 weakens their preference for the Rocks Green development.
7. The group discussed both the Foldgate and the Bromfield site, but continue to favour the Sheet Road site, not least because of problems of access to the A49.

FC/125 b) Part Night Lighting

RESOLVED (11:0:1)

To support Shropshire Council's Part Night Lighting in Ludlow

FC/126 CHARTERS

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That Ludlow Town Council seek a Royal Charter in the terms stated namely:-

- i) Change the former fair concession from 2 x 3 days in passion week/September to 6 days together in April/May, around the first Monday of the month in May.
- ii) To set out the right to trade and have a Market on 6 days of the week excluding Tuesdays.

FC/127 FREEMAN OF THE TOWN

The Town Clerk explained that the Town Council are entitled to bestow the honour of Freeman of the Town upon citizens of Ludlow.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

To thank Major Adrian Coles for bringing the matter to Council and to ask the Town Clerk report back in more detail.

FC/128 PAYMENTS TO OTHER COUNCILS

RESOLVED (11:0:1)

To note that the service charges to the Shropshire Council have been levied and contested.

FC/129 EXTERNAL BODIES

The Town Clerk thanked Councillor Perks for his recent report regarding the Town Walls.

RESOLVED (11:0:1)

That:-

- i) a file be created in the office for representatives on external bodies to deposit minutes, papers and images from external bodies for information.
- ii) each representative on an external body should report to Council once a year.

FC/130 LAND AND ASSETS

RESOLVED (11:0:1)

That the inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment be noted.

FC/131 INSURANCE COVER

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks be noted.

FC/132 MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That:-

- i) all current Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies be renewed.
- ii) the Town Council join the Action for Market Town Initiative

FC/133 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Town Clerk explained that the Council already had a publication scheme available at www.ludlow.gov.uk and the proposed policy would give more clarity and guidance.

RESOLVED (9:0:3)

That the Freedom of Information Policy be adopted.

FC/134 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.

A J Pound
Town Mayor

12th September 2012
Date

N.B. Confidential Minutes will be issued.