

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow, on **MONDAY 1st JUNE 2015** at 7.00PM.

S/01 PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Jones

Councillors: Cllrs Cobley, Draper, Ginger, Gill, Lyle, J Newbold, S Newbold, Parry and Smithers.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk
Sean Turgoose, DLF/Market Supervisor
Naomi Brotherton, Senior Admin Assistant
Charlotte Ambrazas, Admin Assistant

Also attending: Councillor Perks (ex-officio from 7.35pm)

S/02 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Chair informed Councillors of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

S/03 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kemp.

S/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

Conflicts of Interest

Cllr Cobley

Item

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Reason

SSYF has office space at
Rockspring Centre
Chair of Ludlow in Bloom

Cllr Parry

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Personal Interests

Cllr Parry

Item

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Reason

Chair of Ludlow in Bloom
Is involved with the SSYF
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Cllr Smithers

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S/05 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

S/06 **LUDLOW UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

Councillor V Parry, Ludlow South

Councillor Parry informed the Committee that both Joyce Brand and Les Lumsden had been delighted to receive civic awards at Mayor Making the previous week.

S/07 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

RESOLVED (8:0:2)
RJ/GG

That the open session minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on the 13th April 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

S/08 **ITEMS TO ACTION**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
JS/PD

That the Items to Action be noted.

S/09 **LUDLOW IN BLOOM**

The Committee received an update and the request for assistance from the Ludlow in Bloom Committee, that had been received in the office.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/PD

That the update and request for assistance be noted.

S/10 **LOCAL BUS CONSULTATION**

The Committee discussed the response from Shropshire Council regarding the local bus consultation. Councillor Ginger commented that in his opinion the staggering of the bus timetables should be altered during the re-tendering process.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

That the Town Clerk write to the Contracts Officer North, Passenger Transport Commissioning Group at Shropshire Council and:-

- i) thank him for his response stating that the majority of Ludlow residents are happy with the improved 701 and 722 services;

- ii) that the tendering process should include the staggering of timetables instead of the matter being looked at closely after the contract has been awarded.

S/11 FEEDBACK ON LOVE YOUR LINNEY DAY – 10TH APRIL 2015

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the day was a collaboration between the Ludlow Police, Shropshire Council and the Ludlow Town Council. She added that the day was well attended by families, residents and young people.

The general consensus from the day was that residents felt that additional bins were needed at the entrances, especially the pedestrian entrance. It was highlighted that the bins were not obvious or visible and another dog waste bin had been requested, at the pedestrian entrance as the only one was by the car park entrance. Overall feedback had been positive. Residents had suggested that the car park could be extended in the future.

The Committee then discussed the merits of having additional litter/dog waste bins, the costs involved, and other options.

7.28pm Councillor Ginger left the meeting.

RESOLVED (7:1:1)
RJ/JS

That:-

- i) the Town Clerk contact Shropshire Council to investigate the possibility of monitoring by the Dog Warden;
- ii) the Town Clerk contact Streetscene to clarify the current Dog Order and the process for reporting dog fouling;
- iii) Councillor Jones would monitor the Linney and report back to the next Services meeting;

7.30pm Councillor Ginger returned to the meeting.

S/12 PROPOSED BOOTCAMP AT THE LINNEY

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the consultation showed mixed support with approval and concerns raised for the Bootcamp and highlighted the comments that had been made by residents.

Councillor Lyle suggested a trial period, so that noise and disruption could be monitored. She added that the trainer had stated that he already ran these type of classes and suggested that feedback on this class should be sought. Councillor Gill stated that he supported a trial.

Following a question from Councillor Cobley, the Town Clerk confirmed that other Town Council's had been approached but Bootcamps were not being offered by them and therefore no comparisons could be made. She continued

by saying that if a trial period was granted that a further residents consultation would need to be undertaken during and following the trial.

7.35pm Councillor Perks entered the meeting.

Councillor Ginger stated that he was against the proposal as Bootcamps were normally run in a military fashion, would not be quiet and would in his opinion disturb residents early in the morning. He also warned of the detrimental impact on the Linney if a successful full-time business overshadowed and inconvenienced other users.

RESOLVED (8:1:1)

RJ/PD

That:-

- i) the personal trainer be invited to a further Services meeting or an informal meeting with Councillors to talk about the proposal;
- ii) details of the current Bootcamp be sought so that further information including noise levels could be established to enable the Committee to make a decision.

7.45pm Councillor Draper left the meeting.

S/13 PROPOSED INFORMATION BOARD AT THE LINNEY RIVERSIDE PARK

The Chair invited Councillor Perks to speak on this item.

Councillor Perks outlined that the Friends of the Linney Riverside Park were coming towards the end of their project. He stated that he had an old noticeboard, that needed some work to make it serviceable. The board could be used at the Linney and he offered to undertake the work free of charge. Samples of the paint colours were available at the meeting to view.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

VP/JS

That:-

- i) Councillor Perks' offer of to refurbish the noticeboard be accepted;
- ii) The reasonable costs detailed within the report be approved.

S/14 WHEELER ROAD SKATEPARK – GRAFFITI ART

Councillor Jones stated that she supported the design because it had been created in consultation with the skatepark users. She felt that art work would deter further random graffiti. Councillor Ginger agreed and said that the Town Council should wholeheartedly support the design inspired by the young people who used the Skatepark.

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RESOLVED (unanimous)
RJ/VP

That the designs submitted by South Shropshire Youth Forum be approved.

S/15 **ADOPTING A PAYPHONE**

The Town Clerk explained that BT had contacted the Town Council to ask if they would like to adopt the phone boxes in Castle Square. Further enquiries had established usage.

Councillor Smithers advised that it should be checked to see if the telephone boxes were listed by English Heritage.

RESOLVED (7:0:2)
RJ/GG

That the Town Council does not adopt the telephone boxes in Castle Square.

S/16 **COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP FOR SHROPSHIRE**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
JS/VP

That Chris Childs from County Sports Partnership for Shropshire be invited to the next Services Committee meeting to talk about the plans and partnership.

S/17 **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.

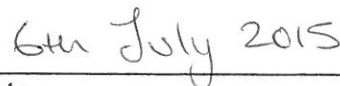
RESOLVED (unanimous)
RJ/GG

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

The meeting closed at 8:15pm



Chairman



Date

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will be issued.

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