



CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Closed Session minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held at The Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow, on **MONDAY 27TH JULY 2026** at **7.00PM**

Colin Richards, Chair of the Ludlow Town Walls Trust joined the meeting at 8.17 PM.

FC/194 CHURCHYARD WALLS

RESOLVED MT/DL (unanimous)

That the meeting notes from the Joint Working Group on 7th July 2026 be received.

FC/195 The Council received an update from the Chair of the Town Walls Trust.

The Chair, Councillor Lyle, asked the Town Clerk and Senior Administrative Assistant to withdraw from the meeting at 8.44 PM for the consideration of two further confidential items.

Councillor Cowell was nominated as minute-taker.

FC/196 MEETING EXTENSION

RESOLVED DL/SH (unanimous)

That the meeting be extended until 9.15 PM.

FC/197 LEGAL ADVICE

Named votes were requested by Councillor Gill.

RESOLVED RO/JH (6:1:4)

For: DC / KC / JH / DL / IMM / RO

Against: SH

Abstain: PA / GG / TG / MT

That the Chair of the Staffing Committee and the Mayor retain specialist independent legal counsel to advise the Council on complex personnel-related and contractual matters, incurring costs of up to £20,000.

Councillor Parry left the meeting at 8.53 PM. Councillor Parry was reminded of the need to observe confidentiality of the item under discussion.

FC/198 COMPLAINT

RESOLVED DL/SH (unanimous)

That the Complaints Procedure and Disciplinary & Grievance Policy and Procedure, be noted.

FC/199 RESOLVED DL/KC (8:0:3)

That the handling of a staff related complaint from a member of the public be delegated to the Staffing Committee, in accordance with the due processes laid out in the Ludlow Town Council's Code of Practice.

The meeting closed at 9.12 PM.

Town Mayor

Date