



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held at Methodist Church Broad Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 24th APRIL 2023** at **7.00PM**

ATM/01 PRESENT

Mayor:	Councillor Ginger
Councillors:	Adams, Childs, Garner, Gill, Ginger Lyle, Parry, Ginger, Pote, Tapley, Thompson, B Waite, S Waite
Officers:	Gina Wilding, Town Clerk. Charlotte Ambrasas
Unitary Councillors:	Cllr Boddington & Cllr T Huffer
Electors:	8

ATM/02 WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed everyone.

ATM/03 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor O Neill

ATM/04 PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL 2022-2023

Ludlow Town Council were delighted that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event was so well attended and enjoyed by the local community. It was great to see the community getting together again at Ludlow castle. The Council were proud to lead the mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II in Ludlow. The Coronation Big Lunch event at Ludlow castle is promising to be an excellent community event.

Alongside the council's range of local services, nine projects were completed:

- Installation of bus shelter, on Sandpits Road
- Throwlines installed at the Linney Riverside Park and Dinham Millennium Green.
- Internal and external works to the Guildhall.

- Internal refurbishment of the Ludlow Museum at the Buttercross.
- Repairs to Buttercross shop window
- Phase I upgrading of Ludlow market canopies.
- New 20-year lease for Wigley's Field Allotments.
- Creation of new Town Green at Sidney Road.
- Installation of a teen shelter at Wheeler Road Skate Park.

Project Support Grants are being relaunched with an increased maximum award of £1,000.00 The overall annual pot is £10,000.00.

The Annual Report 2022 / 23 is available online:

<https://www.ludlow.gov.uk/your-council/local-democracy>

ATM/05 STAFFING COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR LYLE

Councillor Lyle as Chair of the Staffing Committee to speak on the work of the Committee - managing the council's responsibilities as an employer.

Aims of the Staffing Structure Review 2022 / 23

- To help the council continue to deliver great services for Ludlow.
- To create the capacity to meet the future ambitions of the council.
- The adopt a model for continuous improvement.
- Implement a programme of recruitment to relieve short staffing.

ATM/07 SERVICES COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR WAITE

Chair of the Services Committee, Councillor Waite spoke on the work of the Committee.

Services Committee

Monitors the provision of all local services including:

- Ludlow Museum at the Buttercross
- The Guildhall
- Henley Road Cemetery
- The Linney Riverside Park
- Wheeler Road Skate Park, MUGA and play area
- Houseman Crescent Play Area
- Castle Gardens
- St John's Gardens
- Activities on Events Square
- Ludlow market
- Street Trading
- Websites and social media
- Christmas Lights
- Civic events
- Public conveniences

- Committee meetings
- Finance and Admin Functions

ATM/08 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR GINGER

Chairman Councillor Ginger explained the remit of Representational Committee to make representations to Shropshire Council on planning applications, pavement permits, licensing matters, traffic management and road closures. Consults on and agrees locations for town council funded bus shelters. He said that Ludlow Town Council wants to work with Shropshire Council to create opportunities which support the future prosperity of Ludlow.

ATM/09 POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR GILL

Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee, Councillor Gill explained that the committee monitors the council's budget expenditure and income and reviews and approves policies.

ATM/10 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

First Question

I would like to make this statement and ask this question at Mondays town meeting please?

For the last decade Ludlow has improved its public seating offer in its open spaces, with volunteers working with local government and others to save many of the public benches previously at risk.

The 2018 Ludlow Community led plan consultation reinforced how residents appreciated the open spaces and public seating provision, as do the many visitors to our town.

In 2020 the Ludlow War Memorial Fund - Wood Works project which has led the way in repairing the town benches, having consulted with other open space partners in town, requested that an open spaces map was included in the then Shropshire Council grant funded Ludlow Destination Partnership tourism bid, at that time it was not possible but we would like to revisit it now please.

"Can LTC join with WoodWorks and other public open space/bench seating partners this coming year, to build on the success of the towns public seating offer and in partnership promote such to visitors and residents alike"

Response: Thank you. The council will put this request on the next appropriate agenda for consideration.

Second Question

" I have heard that there is an exercise consulting on Parish/Town Council Boundary Changes taking place with submissions to be made to Shropshire Council - has Ludlow Town council made or to be making any submissions on this issue?

And have there been any discussions with other Local Parish Councils regarding such changes?

I think of this in relation particularly in reference to recent blogs etc re the "Ludlow /Ludford position" in regard to the "urbanization " process east of the A49 and its impact on Ludlow itself and services."

Any advice etc most gratefully received.

Response: Thank you. Ludlow Town Council is neighboured by Ludford and Bromfield Parish Councils, and under Shropshire Council's SamDev plan new development is planned for Ludford. LTC has previously held a meeting with Ludford Parish Council to understand their perspective on the matter, and Ludford did not have any concerns about the developments in their parish. The town council has not taken any further steps to date.

Third Question

Will Council please write to the NHS authorities concerned in support of the strength of opinion in the town, recorded in the public survey, which showed that 96.2% of the 210 residents consulted said that both Shrewsbury A&E and Telford A&E should remain fully functioning A&Es.

Many thanks.

Response: Thank you. Ludlow Town Council has previously expressed its concerns about the distance of Telford A&E for Ludlow residents - and the importance of retaining both A&Es.

Your request will put onto a council agenda, and we would welcome further contextual information on the survey to assist us.

The meeting closed at 8:18 pm

Town Mayor

Date