



MINUTES

Minutes of a zoom meeting of the **COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021** at **7.00 PM.**

FC/230 PRESENT

Chairman:	Councillor Gill
Councillors:	Adams; Garner; Ginger; Lyle; Naysmith; O'Neill; Parry; Perks; Pote and Sheward.
Officers:	Gina Wilding, Town Clerk Kate Adams, Deputy Town Clerk Naomi Brotherton, Senior Admin Assistant

FC/231 VIRTUAL MEETING WELCOME

Mayor, Councillor Tim Gill welcomed everyone to the virtual Full Council meeting, introduced the Councillors present, and explained that:

This is a formal Town Council meeting and will be held, just as ones in the Guildhall, using the published agenda.

As with meetings in the Guildhall, members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak during public participation, but will not be permitted, unless invited to do so by the Chairman, to speak at other times.

The Clerk has the ability to mute or remove anyone who does cause a nuisance, but of course, we hope that this won't be necessary.

It is impossible to hear if everyone speaks at once. So that we have some order, I'd be grateful if you could speak one at a time and use the 'reactions' button at the bottom of the Zoom screen and raise your virtual hand if you'd like to speak.

Please note that we will not be using the 'chat' function and will not be sharing any files via Zoom. In order to avoid your technology being compromised, please do not use Chat and do not respond to any messages made via Chat.

FC/232 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Mayor notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session

of Council Meetings. The act of recording and broadcasting must not interfere with the meeting.

The Council understands that some members of the public may not wish to be recorded and asked that they turn off their camera and access the meeting via audio only.

FC/233 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Clarke, Copley, Jones and Smithers.

FC/234 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

Conflicts of Interest

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Gill	22	Spends funds for organisation
Cllr Parry		Ludlow in Bloom

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Garner	11	Chair of a local Youth Charity and knows Shropshire Youth Association CEO
Cllr Lyle	11	Member of SCAP and knows Chair
	12	Resident
Cllr Parry	11	Knows Chair of SCAP, Member of SALC and requested presentation
	22	Volunteer at LAR
Cllr Perks	9	Outstanding queries.
	14b	Volunteer repairing the benches at Ludlow Castle
	16	Declared an interest but no reason given
	18	Council Representative on Friends of Whitcliffe
	22	Declared an interest but no reason given
Cllr Sheward	16	Involved with writing the stories for Impy the Bx Museum Dog

FC/235 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were four members of the public present.

Ludlow Chamber of Commerce – The Representative from the Ludlow Chamber of Commerce referred to the proposal from the Chamber in the Agenda, namely to hold ‘Makers Markets’ on the five Tuesdays throughout August. She highlighted that the Chamber wanted to encourage small craft type businesses,

which in turn would help the local shops and provide visitors with a daily market, throughout August.

She proposed that the Makers Markets would be organised as the already established Tinsel Tuesday Christmas Markets were. She added she hoped that the Town Council would support this initiative and that it would be a valuable opportunity for traders, the market, the Town Council and the Chamber.

Chair of Working Together, Ludlow – The Chair of Working Together referred to the Grant feedback provided in the Agenda from their Chief Officer. She added that she wanted to thank the Town Council for its support as it had been incredibly hard for the organisations members who had learning difficulties. She reported that many did not understand the gravity of the pandemic and had become angry, upset and hurt. The funding had enabled diversity sessions to continue, zoom sessions, phone and postal support and that without the funding, she felt the organisation may not have survived this year.

Resident, Bromfield Road – The resident raised concerns of speeding in Ludlow, particularly Bromfield Road. He advised that the speed bumps were no longer fit for purpose, and ineffective as they were so worn. He asked when a review would take place and if they would be replaced. Turning to the beacon crossing on Bromfield Road, he highlighted that some of the infrastructure, namely the flashing lights at either end, had been removed some time ago, and had not been replaced. He reported a personal near miss with a car on this crossing. He also reported additional issues of speeding on Broad Street and also vehicles entering the 20mph speed limits in Ludlow.

Representative – Storymine – The Representative from Storymine drew Members attention to the grant feedback provided in the Agenda. She stated that she wished to thank the Town Council for its support of the £500 grant which she explained had been used for activity packs and clay pack activities. These had been well received and she highlighted the Ludlow Foyer who had received 45 packs and report a drop in stress, anxiety and suicidal thoughts during the pandemic. Packs were also distributed to Hendra House Nursing Home, and through the Hospital to Home scheme, adapting the way activities were normally done through Storymine. She read a few comments of thanks from individuals who had appreciated the packs. She thanked the Town Council again for its support.

FC/236 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Cllr Andy Boddington, Ludlow North – Councillor Boddington referred to the letter that had been circulated by Councillor Tracey Huffer. He wished to add nothing further.

Cllr Viv Parry, Ludlow South – Councillor Parry referred to her role as the Chair of the Parish Councils in Shropshire. She informed members that the new Secretary was Clive Leaworthy. A zoom meeting would be taking place on 8th March at 7.30pm and all Parish & Town Councils were invited.

FC/237 LUDLOW POLICE UPDATE

PCSO Bethany Hinton advised that the issue of beggars in Ludlow was being addressed, although it was slow progress. The Police were trying to establish if the beggars were individuals or a group working together, as similar looking people had been witnessed in Bridgnorth, Leominster and Shrewsbury.

She went on to report that the partially upgraded CCTV system had already been immensely helpful in a missing person's case and thefts and robberies; and she looked forward to its completion.

Turning to speeding, she confirmed that PC Matt Howells had undertaken speed gun training and had already been looking at locations such as Weeping Cross Lane, Sheet Road and The Sheet. She added that Bromfield Road could also be included and other areas Members felt may benefit.

A Member stated that cars were speeding along Temeside on a daily basis and PCSO Hinton added that this could be addressed.

A Member asked if during lock down whether antisocial behaviour had increased. PCSO Hinton replied that a hub of activity seemed to be the empty market stalls which was attracting youngsters, but she anticipated this would change as restrictions eased.

Another Member thanked PCSO Hinton and the team at Ludlow stating that she was aware of how stretched their resources were at present and logistics were challenged in the current climate.

FC/238 MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL 25th JANUARY 2021**RESOLVED (10:0:1) TG/RP**

That the open minutes of Full Council meeting held on Monday 25th January 2021, be approved as a correct record by the Chairman.

FC/239 ITEMS TO ACTION – 25th JANUARY 2021**RESOLVED (10:0:1) TG/CS**

That the Items to Action be noted.

FC/240 PRESENTATION FROM SCAP (SHROPSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION PARTNERSHIP)

Councillor Allan Wilson, Chair of SCAP was invited to make a presentation on climate change and to outline the Zero Carbon Shropshire Plan, in respect of the

ambition to achieve a zero carbon Shropshire by 2030. (A copy of the slides are attached to these minutes).

Councillor Wilson explained that the Shropshire Climate Action Partnership was made up over 200 volunteers and were a group that spanned ley people, professionals to professors; and also incorporate smaller groups such as South Shropshire Climate Action Group.

He referred to the science that had been developed over a period of time, and the aim of Shropshire to become carbon neutral by 2030. For this aim to be achieved, it required a mindset to change from burning fossil fuels, to renewable green energy. He outlined that one of the largest contributors of carbon emissions was heating a building or home. Whilst it was recognised this may present challenges for historic properties, solutions could be sought to either suit the fabric of the building or an external alternative solution. It should be noted that 10% of UK buildings were unsuitable to retrofit with modern heating solutions.

He explained that figures showed the average person created 11 tonnes of carbon annually in the UK and this needed to be addressed.

Councillor Wilson highlighted that a simple first step could be simply swapping to a green energy supply and provided a couple of websites as examples (included on the slides).

He pointed out that SCAP was developing a database of contacts and businesses involved with green energy, from suppliers to installation and was available for businesses to use.

FC/241 YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION FUNDING

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GG

That this item be moved to end of the Agenda and is discussed after item 22.

FC/242 TOWN GREEN, SIDNEY ROAD

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/PA

To plant a single oak tree on the small area of the Town Green (to the right of the larger area) in commemoration of those who lost their lives during the 2020/21 pandemic. The tree should be protected by a hand forge enclosure, and a permanent commemorative plaque installed. The tree would be registered on the Heart of England in Bloom national map as part of the Roots of Remembrance project.

FC/243 WIGLEY FIELDS ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/TG

- i) To note that the process of securing a new lease has begun.
- ii) To note that progress will be reported to the Council in due course.

FC/244 MAYFAIR 2021

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GP

- i) To note the proposal, and acknowledge that it is not possible to give a definitive answer at present.
- ii) To keep in contact with the PEO, and when appropriate the Town Clerk explores the options for changing the date with partner organisations.
- iii) That further information is brought back to the next Council meeting.

FC/245 PARKING EVENTS SQUARE FOR FILMING AT LUDLOW CASTLE

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/VP

That subject to previous commitments being cancelled, to approve that the Town Clerk enter into discussions for arrangements.

FC/246 SALC MEMBERS SURVEY

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/TG

To approve completion of the survey by the Town Clerk including reference to the following comments:

10. Are there any examples of good practice in the community response you can share from your local community?

- Hands Together Ludlow.

11. What would you consider is your biggest achievement during the pandemic, which should be recorded for the archives?

- Business continuity, along with Councillors and staff transitioning to virtual meetings. Despite adversity, the Town Council embraced the challenges, survived and flourished.
- Through its application process the Town Council awarding grants to small organisations who provided a variety of activities, packs and bird feeders, to a cross section of the community, to help combat mental health issues.
- Support of Hands Together Ludlow
- the continued upkeep of the Ludlow in Bloom plants and planters by a single Ludlow in Bloom committee member;

- Organisations working together during the pandemic so close on the heels of flooding in the town

FC/247 PROJECTS TO CONCLUDE IN MARCH 2021

RESOLVED (9:1:1) TG/VP

To note the progress on the projects CCTV Phase II, Ludlow Museum at the Buttercross Online Presence, and Ludlow Town Recovery Grant with funding due to end on 31 March 2021.

FC/248 PROJECT SUPPORT GRANT FEEDBACK – WORKING TOGETHER, LUDLOW

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GG

To note the Project Support Grant Feedback from Working Together, Ludlow.

FC/249 ANNUAL CORE GRANT FEEDBACK FOR GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2020-21

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/RP

To note the Annual Core Grant Feedback for Grants Awarded for 2020-21.

FC/250 MARKET PROPOSAL – AUGUST TUESDAY MAKERS MARKETS

RESOLVED (unanimous) RP/GP

- i) To approve the initial proposal from Ludlow Chamber for Tuesday 'Makers Markets' during August 2021.
- ii) That further consideration of the fee and conditions of the let would be brought back to Council.

FC/251 COMMITTEE MINUTES

REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE – 20th JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED (10:0:1) GG/CS

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on the 20th January 2021, be received.

FC/252 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/CS

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.

8.50pm Councillor Gill left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pote Chaired the item.

FC/253 EXTENSION OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED (unanimous) RP/GG

That the meeting be extended for 15 minutes.

FC/254 FEEDBACK

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/DL

That clarity is sought from the organisation on how the grants were spent and is brought back to the next Council Meeting.

9.07pm The meeting returned to open public session members of the public and press in the waiting room re-joined the meeting.

Councillor Gill re-joined the meeting.

FC/255 YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION FUNDING

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/DL

To underwrite the running costs up to £9470.77 (including VAT) excluding room hire of Shropshire Youth Association (SYA) junior youth club in Ludlow for 39 weeks during the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. If SYA are able to raise any funding through streams such as crowd funding, this would be deducted from the amount provided by the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 9:14 pm.

Town Mayor

NB Closed session minutes will be issued.

Date

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Closed Session minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021** at **7:00PM**

8.50pm Councillor Gill left the meeting.

The Vice-Chair, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pote Chaired the next item.

FC/253 **EXTENSION OF THE MEETING**

RESOLVED (unanimous) **RP/GG**

That the meeting be extended for 15 minutes.

FC/254 **FEEDBACK**

RESOLVED (unanimous) **TG/DL**

That clarity is sought from the organisation on how the grant was spent and is brought back to a further Council Meeting.

9.07pm Councillor Gill re-joined the meeting, along with members of the public and press.

Mayor, Councillor Gill Chaired the next item in open session of Council.

FC/255 **YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION FUNDING**

RESOLVED (unanimous) **GG/DL**

That the Town Council approves underwriting Youth Provision in Ludlow of up to £7,892.31 for one year, to cover the cost of a junior youth club run by SYA for 39 weeks, as listed in points 1-11 of the proposal.

The meeting closed at 9.14 pm

Town Mayor

Date