



MINUTES

Minutes of a zoom meeting of the **COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020** at **7.00 PM.**

FC/162 PRESENT

Chairman:	Councillor Gill
Councillors:	Adams; Clarke; Garner; Ginger; Lyle; Naysmith; O'Neill; Parry (from 7.19pm); Pote; and Sheward.
Officers:	Gina Wilding, Town Clerk Kate Adams, Deputy Town Clerk

FC/163 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/164 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 asks that they turn off their camera and access the meeting via audio only.

FC/165 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Cobley and Perks.

FC/166 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none received

Conflicts of Interest

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Clarke	9	Spouse is the manager of a shop on King Street

Personal Interests

There were none received.

FC/167 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were two members of the public present via Zoom.

A resident of Ludlow addressed the Committee regarding public transport in Ludlow over the Christmas period. She commended Shropshire Council for their free parking within the car parks, to support local businesses. However, in line with the climate emergency acknowledgement, she felt the Council should be offering a free town bus service to encourage local shoppers, and for those facing financial difficulties to provide what might be a significant saving.

Bus users she said, may feel more isolated, and as the Covid 19 bus protocols work well it was a safe place for them to see other people. No fares would remove cash handling and reduce risk.

In her opinion, encouraging bus use could result in less vehicles in town, which would enhance the shopping experience, and the sense of community.

FC/168 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Councillor T Huffer, Ludlow East – Councillor Huffer addressed the meeting to explain her concerns that mental health and wellbeing issues are reaching a critical point. She and Councillor Boddington had met with Rachel Robinson, Director of Public Health at Shropshire Council to discuss this among other issues.

There is a Shropshire Council number for people with concerns regarding mental health and wellbeing: 0345 678 9028.

Councillor Huffer and Councillor Boddington were now recording a series of podcasts available via Facebook, and there will be a podcast on mental health and wellbeing.

She highlighted that in Ludlow there is also support from Hands Together Ludlow, but emphasised that the more points of access that are available - the better.

She also thanked Ludlow Town Council for the Christmas Sparkle video that was released at the weekend.

Councillor A Boddington, Ludlow North – Councillor Boddington agreed that the video was a good idea, and said well done to all those involved.

He stated that transport within Ludlow was always looked at a bit at a time and that there was a need to develop a sustainable transport strategy for Ludlow – ‘we need to think about everything together’, he said.

Shropshire Council’s Local Transport Plan (LTP) number 4 is to go to cabinet in December it has been announced by Steve Davenport. Shropshire Council are re-embarking on a sustainable transport plan and Ludlow, he went on to say, needed its own scheme vision. It needs to include active travel and asking Councillors what they want for the town he said.

Councillor Gill responding to the Unitary Councillors comments by thanking everyone who helped the Christmas Sparkle video. It has been on ITV Central News and has had over 20,000 hits via various channels. ‘Congratulations and thanks to all on the Council, Lush films and Ashleigh Cadet’.

FC/169 MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL 2nd NOVEMBER 2020

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GG

That the open and closed minutes of Full Council on Monday 2nd November 2020 be approved as a correct record by the Chairman.

FC/170 ITEMS TO ACTION – 2nd NOVEMBER 2020

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/RJ

That the Items to Action be noted.

FC/171 SOCIAL DISTANCING ROAD CLOSURE

7.19pm Cllr Parry joined the meeting

RESOLVED (7:5:1) GG/CS

To support Shropshire Council's re-instatement of the temporary closure of King Street for social distancing purposes every Friday and Saturday between 10am and 3pm with access for pedestrians and cyclists maintained from 4th December 2020 until 28th February 2021 - subject to Government guidance.

FC/172 PARKING CHARGES AT THE LINNEY RIVERSIDE CAR PARK

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/PA

That there is no charge for parking at the Linney Riverside car park from 3rd December to 17th January 2020 inclusive.

FC/173 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/JS

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.

The meeting closed at 7:47pm.

Town Mayor

Date

NB Closed session minutes will be issued.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Closed Session minutes of a zoom meeting of the **COUNCIL** on **MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020** at **7:00PM**

FC/174 **DRAFT REVIEW REPORT**

RESOLVED (unanimous) **RP/EG**

That Council receive the report recommendations and detailed evaluation is undertaken by Staffing Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Town Mayor

Date