



Council objectives undermines good governance and is contrary to the standards of conduct expected in Council proceedings.

Maintaining integrity, accountability, and a respectful environment is essential to ensuring effective and transparent decision-making.

## **FC/388 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gill, Maxwell-Muller and Scott-Bell.

## **FC/389 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ward	21	Is the Treasurer of the Croquet Club.

### Conflicts of Interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Tapley	31	Is a member of the Baptist church and proposed the item.

### Personal Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ginger	15	SSYF was his charity during his Mayoral term.
Harris	15	Recommended applicant approach council for support.
Owen	29	Knows the Chair of Ludlow Town Walls Trust.
Cowell	29	Is a member of the choir at St Laurence's Church. Knows the Chair of Ludlow Town Walls Trust.
Parry	15	Knows the applicant.
	29	Worships at St Laurence Church. Knows the Chair of Ludlow Town Walls Trust.
	31	Has worked with Working Together Charity.
Hepworth	17	Professional link to Estate Agent.
	29	Knows the Chair of Ludlow Town Walls Trust.
Childs	29	Knows the Chair of Ludlow Town Walls Trust.
Lyle	16	Knows the applicant.
	17	Has employed the Estate Agent personally.
	18	Knows the volunteers.
	21	Knows the Treasurer.
	29	Knows the Chair of Ludlow Town Walls Trust.
	31	Involved with Working Together Charity at Rockspring Centre.

**FC/390 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There were two members of the public in attendance.

**A resident of Ludlow** spoke on behalf of the Sustainable Transport Group, urging the Council to publicise Ludlow's park and ride bus service. They cited the town's demographics, tourism needs, and quality of life, noting that greater awareness could reduce unnecessary vehicle use and encourage greater use of the bus service.

**A resident of Ludlow** spoke on behalf of South Shropshire Youth Forum in support of a request for £1,500 funding to be held by the Forum and used for youth activities and services in Ludlow, directed by the young people involved. The speaker outlined the Forum's approach of consulting with local youth to identify activities they would like to see delivered, noting that additional information had been provided to the Council following an earlier request. The Council was asked to approve the funding to support this work.

**FC/391 LUDLOW POLICE UPDATE**

PC Waddicor provided an update on policing activity in Ludlow during February 2026. Continued focus was reported on local priorities of speeding, antisocial behaviour (ASB) and drug-related harm, with increased community engagement and reporting noted. Speed monitoring was carried out on Overton Road as part of Operation Aurora and the national "Fatal 4" campaign, with 50 vehicles checked (average speed 25mph; highest 37mph). Under Operation Conyay, proactive patrols, intelligence-led stops and disruption of suspected drug supply routes were undertaken in response to community information. Officers also reported a series of criminal damage incidents believed to involve a group of youths; investigations are ongoing, with some individuals identified and interviewed, and partnership work continuing with schools, youth services and housing providers alongside targeted patrols.

**FC/392 LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION**

**Councillor Parry (Ludlow South)** gave an update regarding the resurfacing works on Sheet Road scheduled to take place later this month, there will now not be a complete road closure but rather controlled by a traffic light system. She confirmed that the 702 bus will still service that road, but the 722 will service Henley Road instead.

**FC/393 MARKET PARKING**

Simon D'Vali, Interim Executive Manager, Strategic Transport for Shropshire Council spoke to Council regarding the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Ludlow Market Square. Shropshire Council confirmed that while drawings exist, implementation of the TRO would require an estimated at

£8,000 payment by the Town Council. Shropshire Council advised that consultation with businesses / market traders would be necessary to ensure the TRO does not disrupt market operations and confirmed that any new restrictions would aim to prevent overnight and inappropriate parking during market trading hours. It was agreed that Simon D'Vali would visit the site with detailed drawings to review the proposed restrictions, and councillors are invited to attend.

**FC/394 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED DL/KC (11:0:1)**

That subject to the following amendment: on FC/348, Ludlow Unitary Councillor's Session, Cllr Parry informed Council that resurfacing works would be undertaken on Sheet Road as far as the pedestrian crossing next to Smithfield car park, rather than within the car park itself, as previously recorded, the open and closed session minutes of **Council** held on 26th January 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**FC/395 ITEMS TO ACTION**

**RESOLVED DL/GG (11:0:1)**

That the Items to Action be noted.

**FC/396 MARKET PARKING**

**RESOLVED GG/DL (unanimous)**

That a site visit is undertaken with the Interim Executive Manager, Strategic Transport, and the matter is brought back to a future Council meeting for further consideration.

**FC/397 RESOLVED GG/SH (unanimous)**

To further explore the proposal for Shropshire Council to implement yellow line no-parking restrictions on the entrance roadway to Castle Street car park to ascertain whether there will be any charge to Ludlow Town Council.

**FC/398 HELENA LANE DAY CENTRE**

Cllr Addis updated Council on a meeting to be held via Teams on Wednesday 18th March 2026, where further information regarding the proposed closure would be provided. Councillors were encouraged to attend the meeting and submit their individual responses to the consultation before the closing date of 26th March 2026.

**FC/399** **RESOLVED MT/KC unanimous**

That the consultation process be promoted on our social media pages.

**FC/400** **LAMP LIGHT OF PEACE**

**RESOLVED GG/SH (unanimous)**

That the inclusion of the Lamp Light of Peace within the Council's Remembrance Service, be approved.

**FC/401** **SSYF FUNDING REQUEST**

**RESOLVED DC/PA**

That the funding request is declined at this time as it falls outside the Council's two funding streams, namely Core Grants and Project Support Grants.

That selected activities from the proposal may be incorporated into the Council's Youth Festival in the summer.

That it is recommended the South Shropshire Youth Forum submit a separate Project Support Grant application if additional funding is required.

**FC/402** **CCTV**

**RESOLVED DL/PA (unanimous)**

That the update on the status of installed cameras and dates of installation of final cameras, be noted.

**FC/403** **RESOLVED DL/PA (unanimous)**

That three quotes from local contractors be sought for the management and maintenance of the CCTV system, in line with the agreed technical specification, and that the report requested by the Policy & Finance Committee on 1st September 2025 be submitted as soon as possible.

**FC/404** **CEMETERY HOUSE**

Named votes were requested by Cllr Ginger.

**NOT CARRIED GG/SH (4:6:2)**

**For: GG/ VP/ SH/ MT**

**Against: DW/ JH/ RO/ AT/ KC/ DL**  
**Abstain: DC/ PA**

That the rent is increased from its current level by the rate of inflation and also to appoint Samuel Wood as the managing agent.

**FC/405    RESOLVED RO/JH (6:4:2)**

**For: DW/ JH/ RO/ AT/ KC/ DL**  
**Against: GG/ VP/ SH/ MT**  
**Abstain: DC/ PA**

That Samuel Wood be appointed as the managing agent for the property, and that in accordance with their email dated 27th January 2026, the managing agent is authorised to approach the tenant and negotiate a rent of between £950 and £1,100 per month. That all special conditions for the rent being set below market value shall be recorded in the lease.

Councillor Harris left the meeting at 7.46PM.

Councillor Harris returned to the meeting at 7.48PM.

**FC/406    TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS**

**RESOLVED DL/KC (10:0:2)**

That expenditure from EMR 364 (Town Centre Planters) be approved for the purchase of large, durable planters.

**FC/407    LUDLOW PARK AND RIDE**

**RESOLVED DW/KC (9:0:3)**

That the Council approves advertising the facility on the Council's website and promoting the scheme via the Council's social media.

**FC/408    DUTY OF CANDOUR**

**RESOLVED DL/GG (unanimous)**

That the Council notes the introduction of the Public Office (Accountability) Bill – also known as the Hillsborough Law – in the House of Commons on 16th September 2025, and acknowledges that the Bill, which is currently at the early stages of its passage through Parliament, aims to ensure that public bodies, including local councils, act with honesty and openness under statutory scrutiny.

**FC/409 PROJECT SUPPORT GRANT**

**RESOLVED VP/SH (8:0:3)**

That the application be declined as the project does not directly benefit many residents of Ludlow.

**FC/410 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**RESOLVED DL/JH (unanimous)**

That Cllr Ward be approved as a member of the Policy & Finance Committee, Staffing Committee, Budget Task & Finish Group and Efficiency Review Task & Finish Group.

**FC/411 MEETING EXTENSION**

**RESOLVED DL/KC (unanimous)**

That the meeting be extended for 30 minutes.

**FC/412 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLVED SH/MT (unanimous)**

That the following recommendations from the Representational Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be approved:

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

That Full Council approve the setting up of a Task & Finish Group to explore the feasibility of possible options.

**BUS SHELTER REFURBISHMENT**

To approve quarterly cleaning of all eight town council owned bus shelters by the council's existing contractor.

**FC/413 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**RESOLVED KC/PA (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be received.

**FC/414 RESOLVED RO/MT (11:0:1)**

That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be received.

**FC/415 RESOLVED SH/KC (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Representational Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be received.

**FC/416 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

**RESOLVED DL/KC (unanimous)**

That 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, and the meeting continue in closed session.

The meeting closed at 9.43PM.

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Town Mayor

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Date

Closed session minutes will be issued for this meeting.