

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall Mill Street Ludlow on **TUESDAY 20th MAY 2025** at 7pm.

R/001 PRESENT

Chair: Councillor Harris.

Councillors: Councillors Addis, Scott- Bell, Cowell, Gill, Ginger, Lyle, and Owen.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk
Charlotte Ambrazas Committee Officer

R/002 ABSENCES

Councillors Hepworth, Parry and Tapley were absent.

R/003 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Chairman informed Councillors, and everyone present, of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

R/004 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Lyle nominated Councillor Ginger, who declined the nomination.

Councillor Addis nominated Councillor Scott Bell
Councillor Owen seconded the nomination

Councillor Harris nominated Councillor Gill
Councillor Ginger seconded the nomination

RESOLVED PA/RO (5:3:0)

Cllr Ian Scott Bell is elected vice chair of Representational Committee

R/005 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

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

R/006 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Hepworth (work commitments)

R/007 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTDisclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

Conflicts of Interest

None

Personal Interest

Cllr Cowell	Item 17	Responded to resident via email
Cllr Ginger	25/01241/TCA Item 17	Knows the applicant Responded to resident via email
Cllr Lyle	25/01145/LBC	Knows the applicant and heritage impact statement
Cllr Lyle	Item 16	Knows Shropshire Council Lead on the project

R/008 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were 7 members of the public present and one member of the press

A representative of the Ludlow Regeneration Focus group addressed the Committee, looking forward to working with Ludlow Town Council to make Ludlow thrive again. Regenerate disused buildings including the former costa coffee building on King Street. Ludlow looks uncared for at the moment.

Super Sundays is a group of volunteers/ residents who meet at Castle to litter pick and generally tidy up before the concerts in the Castle, the next session is 17th July 2025, and everyone is welcome.

A resident of Lower Corve Street addressed the Committee with concerns about the use of the road as a local cut through and the persistent small scale (but expensive) damage caused to cars, and the hazards caused by speeding cars that could lead to someone being hurt.

R/009 LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Unitary Councillor Waite updated the committee with details of upcoming road closures and diversions on Henley Road, Gravel Hill (from 9:30 – 4pm on 5th to 20th June) and Coronation Avenue (24hr closure from 28th July to 2nd September).

She also informed the committee that Shropshire Council would be electing their Committee Chairs and membership on Thursday 22nd May, and they were likely to include members of the other parties as well as Liberal Democrat Councillors.

R/010 MINUTES

RESOLVED GG/TG (3:0:4)

To approve the minutes of 8th April 2025 as a correct record for the Chairman to sign.

R/011 ITEMS TO ACTION

RESOLVED SH/GG (unanimous)

To note the items to action of 8th April 2025

R/012 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS PENDING

RESOLVED SH/GG (unanimous)

That the decisions pending by Shropshire Council be noted.

R/013 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS

RESOLVED SH/TG (unanimous)

That the decisions by Shropshire Council be noted.

R/014 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/01145/LBC Linney House, Linney, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1EE.

RESOLVED SH/GG (6:0:1)

To object to the replacement of 8 No. front facing sash windows with new sash windows of same appearance, for the following reasons:

- i) That the windows should be repaired to maintain the historic fabric of the building as recommended by Historic England. This action is

supported by information in a report in the document bundle that accepted it would be possible to repair the windows.

R/015 25/01528/FUL 2 Linney Fields Linney, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1EE

RESOLVED TG/DL (unanimous)

To approve the removal of four trees subject to them being replaced with four indigenous trees.

That there was no objection to the erection of detached garage following demolition of existing.

R/016 25/01742/TCA 8 Station Drive, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2PQ

RESOLVED DL/TG (7:1:0)

To approve the re-pollarding to the previous pollard points of the Willows trees, and to approve the felling of the Leylandii subject to the planting of a replacement indigenous tree.

R/017 ROAD CLOSURE/ TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED TG/DL (unanimous)

That the road closures and traffic management are noted.

R/018 BUILDINGS, BUILDING LAND AND TREES

RESOLVED TG/RO (unanimous)

To update the spreadsheet with the following:

The water ingress into the ancient structure of Ludford Bridge through potholes be reported to Shropshire Council as an urgent matter due to the unseen deterioration that could be caused to the bridge.

R/019 BRIDGES AND STRUCTURE WORKS - B6305 CORVE CULVERT

RESOLVED TG/RO (unanimous)

To note that Shropshire Council are planning to undertake concrete repairs to the soffits and deck of the culvert, construct new concrete slab over culvert with a waterproofing layer, resurfacing of carriageway at the Corve Culvert in 2025/26.

R/020 INCINERATION PLANT LUDLOW

RESOLVED TG/GG (unanimous)

To restate the objections previously stated by the council as they remain unresolved, namely:

- i) The site is not suitable because it is too close to a residential area. it appears that the placement of the site has been decided because it is convenient for Shropshire Council as owners of the site, rather than for a strategic reason.
- ii) The process is largely untested, and any resultant air pollution will be taken into a residential area by the prevailing wind. This could put the health of residents, or their quality of life at risk.
- iii) The plant will increase the traffic in the area, and this is considered to be unacceptable in a largely residential area.

R/021 DANGEROUS TRAFFIC ON LOWER CORVE STREET

RESOLVED GG/KC (unanimous)

To write to Ludlow Safer Neighborhood Policing Team to stress that this local traffic problem needs to be dealt with through more intensive policing and issuing fines to offenders so that there is a deterrent that will change people's attitudes and actions.

R/022 EMPTY BUILDINGS

RESOLVED ISB / PA (unanimous)

To write to both Shropshire Council's Building Control officers to notify them of the town council's concerns that the poor state of the windows, external plaster work, and roof tiles are hazardous to pedestrians in the narrow street below, and to request an inspection and an urgent works notice to be issued, and to ask Shropshire Council's Conservation Officer to investigate the poor condition of the listed building and put it on the 'at risk' register.

Meeting closed at 8:14 pm