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## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Ludlow Conference Centre, Ludlow on **MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012** at **7.00PM**. The meeting opened at 7.10pm following a presentation on SAMDev.

### FC/45 PRESENT

Chairman:	Councillor Pound, Mayor
Vice-Chairman:	Councillor Parry, Deputy Mayor
Councillors:	Aitken; Davies; Draper; Hunt; McCormack; Newbold; Perks; Smithers; Toop; Wilcox
Officers:	Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk; Lucy Morgan, Secretary
Also in Attendance:	Unitary Councillor R Taylor-Smith Unitary Councillor M Taylor-Smith

### FC/46 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Callender and Phillips.

### FC/47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2007 issued under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 Members declared interests as follows:

#### Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>
G. Perks	Code of Conduct Complaint

#### Prejudicial Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>
V. Parry	Code of Conduct Complaint

**FC/48 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There were no members of the public and press present.

**FC/49 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FEEDBACK (15 minutes)**

The Town Clerk stated that all questions had been answered at the previous meeting.

**FC/50 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION**

Unitary Councillor R Taylor-Smith, Ludlow North and Unitary Councillor M Taylor-Smith, Ludlow South, congratulated Councillor Pound and Parry on their election as Mayor and Deputy Mayor and welcomed Councillor Draper and Toop to the Council. She offered her thanks to the Town Council and its officers for the wonderful work they had done arranging the Olympic Torch Relay event.

Unitary Councillor M Taylor-Smith, Ludlow South, added that the Mayor's radio speech had contributed to putting 'Ludlow on the map' and he looked forward the Jubilee weekend. In relation to the presentation on a proposed development at Foldgate Members had received prior to the Council meeting, Councillor M Taylor-Smith stated that Shropshire Council's current preferred developments in Ludlow did not include Foldgate.

He went on to inform Members that the Hospital had been approved last week and work would start at the end of June 2012. Prior to this the transport related works in the area would be started in mid June which would include an additional bus stop, extension of cycle routes and the replacement of the current crossing with a zebra crossing.

Councillor Parry stated that more litter bins were needed on the Eco Park. Councillor M Taylor-Smith stated that the site would shortly be a building site and therefore there was little point installing more bins at this stage.

Councillor Toop asked if roundabout warning signs could be installed on the new roundabout at Harry Tuffins, as she had witnessed a 'near miss' accident there when someone ignored the roundabout. Councillor M Taylor-Smith stated that the road into Harry Tuffins was not yet adopted by Shropshire Council but that works were currently being completed to bring it up to adoptable standards at which point Shropshire this issue could be looked at.

Councillor Aitken apologised to the Unitary Councillors as he had omitted thanking them in his outgoing Mayor's speech at Mayor Making, he thanked them and Shropshire Council for their support during his term of office.

Councillor Pound welcomed new Councillor Draper and Toop to the Council and restated to the Council that the new hospital on the Eco Park was now approved and he looked forward to its completion.



**FC/51**    **MINUTES**

The Town Clerk stated that she had received comments as to the accuracy of the minutes and that this was the point to make any changes prior to their approval.

**RESOLVED (11:0:1)**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012, subject to the addition of Councillor Perks as a member of Representational Committee at minute FC/23, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**FC/52**    **SAMDEV**

Andrew Williamson from Shropshire Council made a powerpoint presentation to the Council on SAMDev, illustrating Shropshire Council's current preferred options for future development in Ludlow (presentation attached).

In relation to the slide referring to Brownfield and Greenfield sites the Town Clerk asked Mr Williamson to explain these terms and the differences between them. She stated that this was particularly relevant given the presentation made to Members prior to this Council meeting regarding a development proposal on a Greenfield site.

Mr Williamson explained why, contrary to the Town Council recommendations, Shropshire Council preferred to expand housing developments from the north at Rocks Green rather than from the South at the Sheet/Eco Park. He stated that in order for Ludlow to reach its 2026 target for housing only another 245 properties were required, this small number could not justify the large infrastructure costs that would be incurred by developing for the south first. At Rocks Green with access from the Clee Hill road and services available from the housing development already completed, infrastructure costs would be proportionate to the number of properties.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That a Sub-Committee be formed of Councillors Aitken, Draper, McCormack, Parry, Perks and Wilcox to further consider the Council's response to SAMDev and make recommendations to the next Council meeting.

**FC/53**    **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Town Clerk explained that a special Council meeting needed to be called before the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in order to sign off the 2011/12 accounts prior to their submission to the external auditor. Members discussed possible dates for this meeting. Councillor Aitken and McCormack were unable to attend the dates

proposed, but Councillor Aitken stated that as it was expected that there will be no material issues in the account he was happy for the meeting to take place in his absence. The Town Clerk added that a property report would also be presented to the meeting and she would like all Members present for this though she was happy to fully brief absent Members.

**RESOLVED (11:1:0)**

That a special Council meeting be called on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Councillor Wilcox left the meeting at 8.32pm

**FC/54 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

The Chairman moved 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.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the public be excluded and the meeting continue in closed session.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.



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Town Mayor

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Date

N.B. Confidential Minutes will be issued.