



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Ludlow Conference Centre, Ludlow on **MONDAY 15th MARCH 2010** at **7.00PM**

FC67/10 PRESENT

Chairman:	Councillor Taylor-Smith, Town Mayor
Vice-Chairman:	Councillor Davies, Deputy Mayor
Councillors:	Councillors Aitken; Glaze; Hunt; Jackson; McCormack; Mitchell; Newbold; Pope; Pound; Smithers; Wilcox
Officers:	Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk; Lucy Morgan, PA
Also in Attendance:	R. Taylor-Smith, Unitary Councillor H. Costigan, Press

FC68/10 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Councillor Parry.

FC69/10 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>
M. Taylor-Smith	Mayfair (town centre resident) Hospital League of Friends Unitary Hospital Development Shropshire Council
J. Smithers	Mayfair (town centre resident)
J. Aitken	Hospital League of Friends

Prejudicial Interests

There were no prejudicial interests declared.

FC70/10 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were 4 members of the public present.

Pat Hanson, Station Drive, stated that she had submitted to Councillor Aitken a list of questions regarding the hospital proposal. Councillor Aitken confirmed that he had passed these questions onto the PCT to answer, and would also make copies available to the Town Council.

Unitary Councillor, Rosanna Taylor-Smith, passed on her thanks to Ludlow Town Council staff and Members for the success of the Mayor's Sunday Service and congratulated Councillor Wilcox and Rev. James Stewart on the sermon and the service. The Mayor repeated her sentiment.

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RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th February 2010 be approved as a correct record.

FC72/10 POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) Minutes

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 1st March 2010 be received.

FC73/10 b) Recommended

i) To adopt the Gritting Policy.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the Gritting Policy be adopted by the Council.

ii) To appoint additional members to the Staffing and Appeals Sub-Committee to act as a pool of Members for disciplinary panels and appeals.

The Town Clerk explained that the current membership of the Committee meant that all members were needed in order to call a Disciplinary Panel and an Appeal and that this made it difficult to arrange meetings to suit all members. She also stated that the extra members and the current members would be offered training to inform Members of the regulations and to improve the decision making of the Sub-Committee.

The Mayor requested volunteers to join the Staffing and Appeals Sub-Committee. Councillors McCormack, Smithers and Wilcox volunteered to join.

iii) **To consider training options for Members including special training for Staffing and Appeals Committee Members.**

The Mayor introduced this matter and reminded Members that Planning Training would be taking place at Representational Committee on 16th March 2010, he encouraged all Members that had an interest in planning matters to attend.

FC74/10 SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2010 be received.

Following a question from Councillor McCormack, Councillor Aitken gave an update on the progress of the Linney Consultation, he stated that Councillor Jackson, Chris Bayliss, Special Project Officer and himself were in the process of visiting local schools, covering an age group of 3 to 13 years, to gauge their views on the park, in order to the meet one of the criteria of the grants available.

FC75/10 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE

a) Minutes

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2010, subject to the insertion of the word "character" in minute R17/10, be received.

FC76/10 RESOLVED (6:0:0)

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2010, subject to the spelling corrections in minute R26/10 and alterations to the recommendation, be received.

FC77/10 b) Recommended

That:-

- i. an officer(s) from Shropshire Council be requested to attend the LCAAC meeting.**
- ii. the Chairman of Representational Committee also be invited to attend the LCAAC meeting.**
- iii. the Shropshire Council officer(s) be invited to attend the later Representational Committee meeting.**
- iv. the Chairman of LCAAC would be invited to attend the later Representational Committee meeting.**

The objective being for Representational Committee Members and Members of the LCAAC to then make separate comments to Shropshire Council, but the process will have benefited from all parties receiving a much wider range of perspectives and professional advice.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the recommendation, be accepted.

FC78/10 MAYFAIR SUB-COMMITTEE

a) Powerpoint Presentation

Councillor Aitken delivered a Powerpoint presentation to the Council. He stated that the Mayfair Sub-Committee had met in August 2009 and May 2010 and the concerns of the public represented at those meetings had been met, by not changing the format, hours and footprint for the Mayfair. He pointed out that the footprint map provided is for information purposes only and does not represent an exact layout. He also added that the Mayfair Safety Advisory ("SAG") Group had been meeting since August and the Mayor added that the same SAG process would now be applied to following events/festivals and that Shropshire Council was encouraging the use of the SAG for events across the County.

FC79/10 b) Minutes

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Mayfair Sub-Committee meeting held on 8th March 2010, subject to the amendment of "Mayfair Safety Advisory Group" in paragraph 10 of minute MF06/10 to "Town Council and the insertion of "N.B. Confidential Minutes will be issued" at the end of the public minutes, be received.

FC80/10 EXTRA COUNCIL MEETING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

The Mayor introduced this item and stated that the meeting was to discuss as a Council where we are now, where we want to be and where each individual Councillor wants to be. He encouraged Members to attend.

FC81/10 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**a) Six Weekly Committee Cycle Trial**

The Mayor stated that the trial of six weekly Council, Policy and Finance Committee and Services Committee meetings was now coming to an end, he believed it had been a success.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That Council, Policy and Finance Committee and Services Committee meetings meet on a six weekly cycle permanently.

FC82/10 b) Draft Schedule of Meetings

The Mayor drew Members attention to the Committee Calendar for 2010-2011 which continues with the six weekly cycle of meetings.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That:-

- i) the dates of Council, Policy and Finance Committee, Services Committee and Accounts Sub-Committee for 2010-2011 be approved.
- ii) the dates of the Representation Committee for 2010-2011 be referred back to Representation Committee.

FC83/10 PROJECTS & PRIORITIES UPDATE

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Linney, she stated that the Council was in the process of obtaining quotes for erosion/flood protection and that the Council would be having a flood defence meeting in the future. She added that it was hopeful that the park would happen this year and that Councillors Aitken and Jackson were working towards meeting the criteria of the Playbuilder grant.

The Town Clerk went on to thank Councillor McCormack for her continued hard work towards the new Town Plan.

With reference to the Buttercross, Members all agreed that the downstairs was looking better with just the door furniture to be finalised. In relation to the Phase

It works, the clerk advised that a previous resolution of Council stated that should choosing Treasures as contractor affect the English Heritage Grant that the matter be referred back for Council to reconsider their approval, English Heritage have now increased their grant based on the cheapest quote plus development costs.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That:-

- i) the English Heritage grant be accepted.
- ii) Treasures be approved as preferred contractors for the Phase II Buttercross works.

The Town Clerk also informed the Council that the Buttercross clock was currently not working due to damage to the lead, partially caused by the investigative works, allowing water into the clock-tower area. A temporary fix had been completed and repair has been arranged.

Councillor Aitken stated that he had received an email from the Chair of the Teme Weirs Trust that they were currently seeking funding for works to the Dinham weir and that the proposed works would lower the water level above the weir.

Councillor Pound asked whether previous Weir works had affected the Linney. The Town Clerk stated that the Council was receiving a free erosion/flooding report on the Linney.

The Town Clerk added that the Buttercross was being prepared for the Phase III works and that the offices had almost been cleared of furniture, pending further storage areas for the antique furniture.

FC84/10 LUDLOW HOSPITAL

The Mayor introduced the papers and reminded Members of funding the Council had given previously towards the Derro report.

The PCT gave a Powerpoint Presentation on the proposed new Hospital, this was discussed by Council.

Councillor McCormack made the point that this was a situation of supporting the new hospital or the town would have nothing, there was only one scheme available and the old hospital is not able to continue. So if the town does not support the new hospital it would end up without one.

Councillor Aitken suggested that the hospital becomes a regular item on the Council agenda to keep Members informed of the progress. He also added that

as Ludlow Town Council, Ludlow residents were the Council's main concern and that other parishes would be putting forward their own constituents views.

RESOLVED (7:0:5)

That the Council continue to support the new Ludlow Hospital and play a part in the consultation and development of the business case.

FC85/10 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 9.20pm.

Town Mayor

Date

N.B. Confidential Minutes will be issued.