



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SPECIAL COUNCIL** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2014** at 7.00PM.

FC/351 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Smithers, Mayor

Councillors: Draper; Ginger; Holcombe; Jones; Kemp; Lyle;
J. Newbold; S. Newbold; Parry; Perks; & Sheward;

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk;

FC/352 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Mayor informed Councillors and members of the public of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

FC/353 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cobley and Mold.

FC/354 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No interest were declared

Conflicts of Interest

No interest were declared

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Lyle	Freedom of Town	Knows a magistrate
Cllr Lyle	Guildhall Clock	Steward at St Laurence's
Cllr Draper	Freedom of Town	Member of RBL involved in project
Cllr Smithers	Freedom of Town	Member of RBL involved in project
Cllr Perks	Freedom of Town	Twining with Narbeth
Cllr Perks	Guildhall Clock	Worshipper at St Laurence's
Cllr Parry	Guildhall Clock	Trustee and worshipper at St Laurence's

FC/355 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were no members of the public or press present.

FC/356 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FEEDBACK (15 minutes)

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

FC/357 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Unitary Councillor V Parry, Ludlow South, informed the Council that Shropshire Council was considering reducing their countywide youth worker team by one member of staff. Councillor Parry said she felt that all youth workers performed an important role and needed to be retained.

FC/358 MINUTES**a) 3rd February 2014 – Open Session****RESOLVED (unanimous) (RJ/PD)**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3rd February 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FC/359 b) 3rd February 2014 – Closed Session**RESOLVED (11:0:1) (PD/CS)**

That the closed session minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3rd February 2014, subject to the insertion of the words 'after outlining his reasons' be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FC/360 CIVIC EVENT WORKING GROUP (CEWG)

Councillor Parry stated she would like to attend the next Civic Events Working Group meeting, date to be confirmed.

RESOLVED (unanimous) JS/GP

That the minutes of the Civic Events Working Group meeting held on the 16th January 2014, be noted.

FC/361 FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

It was confirmed that although the Royal Welsh Fusiliers had been warmly welcomed by the town and had paraded in Ludlow to celebrate their 300th Anniversary in March 1989, the freedom of Ludlow had not been granted at this time.

Members raised concerns that there was no budget allocated to the event, however, it was felt that there was significant support in the local community and fundraising would be undertaken.

Members acknowledged that the event would be very important for Ludlow, and of interest beyond Ludlow, so the event should be well advertised when arrangements had been established. The timetable for the event will be largely dependant on The Royal Welsh.

FC/362 a) The Freedom of the Town to the Royal Welsh Regiment**RESOLVED (9:3:0) RJ/PK**

That the Freedom of Ludlow be granted to The Royal Welsh Regiment.

FC/363 b) The Freedom of the Town to a Local Community Organisation

Members felt that there were many outstanding community organisations in the town and it would be impossible to select a single organisation to receive the Freedom of Ludlow.

RESOLVED (unanimous) RJ/VP

That the Council continue to make the annual Community Civic Awards at Mayor Making, which are nominated by the residents of Ludlow to recognise the work of the many excellent local organizations.

FC/364 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) JS/PD

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Town Mayor

Date

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will be issued.