



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Ludlow Conference Centre, Ludlow on **MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2010** at 7.00PM

FC01/10 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Taylor-Smith, Town Mayor

Councillors: Councillors Aitken; Callender; Glaze; Hunt; Jackson; McCormack; Newbold; Parry; Pound; Pope; Smithers; Wilcox

Officers: Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk; Hannah Coleman, Assistant Clerk

FC02/10 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Vice-Chairman Councillor D. Davies.

FC03/10 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	Blue Boar
V. Parry	Cemetery House

Prejudicial Interests

There were no prejudicial interests declared.

FC04/10 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

Unitary Councillor, Rosanna Taylor-Smith, congratulated the Town Council on the launch of the market and the switch on of the light event at the end of November.

Mr M. Bradley urged the Town Council to reopen the cemetery car park gates that the Town Council is here to serve the people of the town and not to inflict hardship on the old and disabled.

FC05/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th November 2009, subject to the amendments made at minutes FC79/09, be approved as a correct record.

FC06/10 POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) Minutes

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 30th November 2009 be received.

FC07/10 SERVICES COMMITTEE

a) Minutes

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 23rd November 2009 be received.

FC08/10 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE

a) Minutes

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meetings held on 3rd November 2009, 24th November 2009 and 8th December 2009, subject to amendments, be received.

FC09/10 FRIEND OF LUDLOW MUSEUM – LOUISE RAYNER PAINTING

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

That the letter of appreciation from the Friends of Ludlow Museum be noted.

FC10/10 CIVIC ITEMS

a) Senior Citizens Christmas Party

The Council expressed their thanks to Councillor Davies and all who helped. Councillor Parry stated that the party wouldn't have been as good without everyone's support and Councillor Pound commented that the party went well. And that there should be no party politics involved.

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

That a formal Christmas Party protocol be produced by the Civic Events Working Group.

b) Twinning

RESOLVED (12:0:1)

1. That the twinning with Narberth be formalised retrospectively at 25th June 2005.
2. That a Town Twinning protocol be produced by the Civic Events Working Group.

FC11/10 MAYFAIR SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

The Chairman explained the latest position and brought Members up to date as to the progress made and that an open meeting of the Mayfair Safety Advisory Group has been arranged for 20th January 2010 and will report back to Council on 8th February 2010.

The Chairman, Councillor Aitken, also advised Members that it had been decided that Mr Wynn would be the Principal Events Organiser and not the Council and on 20th January 2010 Members would be considering amendments to the terms of reference to reflect this revised position.

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

That the Chairman's report be noted.

FC12/10 CEMETERY OPENING TIMES

Members considered whether or not to waive standing orders for the matter of cemetery opening times.

RESOLVED (11:1:1)

That in order for the matter to be re-opened the six month rule be waived.

FC13/10 PREVIOUS CEMETERY REPORT

Members considered the previous report by the Assistant Clerk and debated whether or not the previous decision should be changed. There seemed to be confusion as to whether or not the previous decision meant that the cemetery was open for a longer or lesser period as Members of the Public were confused as the closure related only to the vehicular access.

Councillor Pound explained to Members that he had personally opened the gates over the Christmas period and he was thanked by the Members for his assistance in placating public concerns pending reconsideration of the matter. Councillors Smithers suggested an automatic barrier and this was considered. One Member proposed that the car park be opened only at weekends and public holidays between 9am and 9pm during the summer months.

RESOLVED (5 for, 6 against)

The motion was not carried.

FC14/10 It was proposed that the vehicular access to the cemetery be open throughout all weekends, bank holidays and special events and throughout the hours 9am-4pm in the winter and 9am-10pm on working weekdays in the summer.

RESOLVED (9:0:4)

That the vehicular access to the cemetery be open throughout all weekends, bank holidays and special events and throughout the hours 9am-4pm on working weekdays in the Winter (October – March inclusive) and throughout all weekends, bank holidays and special events 9am-10pm on working weekdays in the Summer (April – September inclusive).

FC15/10 Discussion took place regarding the press article.

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

That the press article be noted.

FC16/10 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.

FC17/10 In closed session.

FC18/10 The resolution was moved to invite the public back into the meeting and return to open session.

FC19/10 **PROJECTS**

The Special Projects and Markets Officer presented an oral report on the proposed consultation regarding the Linney and Castle Gardens.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the consultation proposals for the Linney be undertaken before the end of February 2010 followed by consultation on Castle Gardens commencing in the following month.

FC20/10 **COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP**

Members considered the recommendations regarding the external links to community organisations websites.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That this matter be referred to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration.

FC21/10 **LUDLOW FAIRTRADE TOWN GROUP**

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the 2009 report be noted.

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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.