



## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Ludlow Conference Centre, Ludlow on **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010** at **7.00PM**

### **FC32/10 PRESENT**

Chairman: Councillor Taylor-Smith, Town Mayor

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Davies, Deputy Mayor

Councillors: Councillors Hunt; Jackson; McCormack; Parry; Pope; Wilcox

Officers: Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk; Lucy Morgan, PA

Also in Attendance: R. Taylor-Smith, Unitary Councillor  
H. Costigan, Press  
A. Kibbler, Press

### **FC33/10 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the Councillors Aitken; Callender; Glaze; Pound and Smithers.

### **FC34/10 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	Ludlow in Bloom Shropshire Council
V. Parry	Ludlow in Bloom Knows Cemetery House tenant's son
S. McCormack	Cittaslow and her husband is involved with CAB
J. Wilcox	Ludlow Conference Centre

Prejudicial Interests

There were no prejudicial interests declared.

**FC35/10 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

Unitary Councillor, Rosanna Taylor-Smith, informed the Council that the repairs to the pavement on Corve Street had now taken place.

**FC36/10 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010, subject to the amendments made at minutes FC10/10 and FC14/10, be approved as a correct record.

**FC37/10 SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Mayor commented that the Buttercross Phase II Tender Evaluation Working Group had now met and would present their recommendations later in the meeting.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received.

**FC38/10 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE**

The Mayor stated that Shropshire Council would be running a planning training session on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received.

**FC39/10 POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Councillor McCormack stated that the Ludlow Town Plan Stakeholders Meeting had now been agreed to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The Town Clerk commented on that Standing Orders Working Group now had a draft model and would be presenting a revised form to Council in March.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010, subject to amendments, be received.

**FC40/10 ACCOUNTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Accounts Sub-Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received.

**FC41/10 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP**

The Mayor stated that the budget had been amended according to the Buttercross Bulletin advertising recommendation.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Communications Working Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010, subject to amendments, be received.

**FC42/10 MAYFAIR SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP**

The Mayor stated that the Footprint plan had now been provided and that the next meeting would be on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the minutes of the Mayfair Safety Advisory Group meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received.

**FC43/10 PROJECTS & PRIORITIES UPDATE**

The Town Clerk provided an oral update to Members. She stated that the Buttercross painting had now been undertaken as well as the works to the window at the back on Benson's shop and that the use of black glass had been a suggestion from the Conservation Officer. She also stated that the mould on the back of the Buttercross would be removed as part of the Phase II works and that the blue door would be painted following completion of the internal works.

The Town Clerk also provided an update on the Linney and Castle Gardens projects and the proposed consultation.

**FC44/10 CIVIC CEREMONIAL**

The Mayor introduced the papers and stated that he found the current robes a source of embarrassment and that the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's robe in particular were falling apart. He added that the Councillors robes were in a wide variety of colours, styles and types. He stated that he would like to offer to provide these new robes out of his Mayor's Allowance and also that a change of colour be considered in light of the new colour of the market and the Buttercross doors i.e. Ludlow blue. He added that the Council would like to have the new robes in time for Mayor's Sunday to represent civic pride and continue the rebranding of Ludlow.

The Vice-Chairman added that he would like a new robe as at previous civic events he had been belittled by other Council's for the state of the robes and that we needed to represent Ludlow.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the robes shown were navy blue not Ludlow blue but that this was the closest available.

Councillor Parry thanked the Mayor for his generous offer to pay for the robes out of his allowance and wondered if other Members would like to make a donation toward the robes.

The Town Clerk explained the workings of the Mayor's Allowance, and that it was there for the Mayor to spend on what he thought best. Councillor Wilcox added that the use of the Allowance was the Mayor's business and that it didn't set a precedent for future Mayors.

Councillor McCormack questioned whether robes were suitable for the modern age and Councillor Parry added that the money could be spent on more deserving things.

Councillor Jackson stated that she was pleased to see that we were not looking to use real fur on the robes and that there was a purpose for the robes as they encourage a respect and Councillor Pope added that they made Members visible to the public.

Councillor Parry queried whether, if purchased, the new robes had to be worn. The Mayor pointed out that we needed to present a united front for the Council and that not wearing them could damage this image.

**RESOLVED (6:2:0)**

That the new robes be purchased for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**FC45/10 RESOLVED (4:2:2)**

That the thirteen new robes be purchased for the Councillors.

**FC46/10 RESOLVED (5:1:2)**

1. That the new robes for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be red.
2. That the Councillors robes be blue.

**FC47/10 CEMETERY**

The Town Clerk brought to the Committees attention a complaint from a member of the public regarding cemetery opening times.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

That the letter be noted.

**FC48/10 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 9.28pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date

N.B. Confidential Minutes will be issued.