



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2018** at 7.00 PM.

FC/282 PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Tim Gill

Councillors: Cllrs Clarke (from 7.07pm), Cobley; Garner, Ginger, Mahalski, O'Neil, Parry (7.05pm), Pote, Sheward and Smithers.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk
Naomi Brotherton, Senior Admin Assistant

FC/283 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/284 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones, Lyle, Paton and Perks.

FC/285 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

Conflicts of Interest

None.

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Cobley	14	One amenity area close to home, another amenity area close to son's and used regularly with grandchildren.
Cllr Ginger	16	Personal friend of three of the Directors of the company.
Cllr Parry		Chair Ludlow in Bloom.

FC/286 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There was one member of the public present.

Mrs Hilda Roberts, Castle House Flats – Mrs Roberts explained that she was frustrated that the problem with cars using Events Square for general car parking had not been resolved. She had overhead visitors say that the car park was small, therefore assuming that Events Square was the car park. She stated that in November letters were put onto car windshields informing people of the location of the Castle Street car park and when there had been a charity market the Market Officer had leafleted vehicles the night before. Mrs Roberts added that she had witnessed one driver ripping up the notice whilst loudly, and erroneously, claiming that they had been permission by the Town Council to park on Events Square.

She added that access to the Castle House flats was frequently blocked by vehicles and emergency vehicles would not have been able to gain access, should they be required, putting lives at risk. Vehicles also impeded access from the flats to the square and often she had to walk in the road.

7.07pm Councillor Clarke entered the meeting.

The Mayor replied that discussions were taking place with Shropshire Council to remedy the situation, and agreed with Mrs Roberts that the current situation was not ideal, and needed to be rectified.

FC/287 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Cllr Viv Parry, Ludlow South – said that she agreed with Mrs Roberts regarding the parking on Events Square, and that it was getting worse.

Councillor Parry informed Council of two forthcoming meetings:-

- 1) 23rd February – Meeting with Parish & Town Councils and SALC at Shirehall at 5.30 pm
- 2) Meeting at Craven Arms Methodist Church with the GCG.

FC/288 OPEN & CLOSED MINUTES - 18th DECEMBER 2017**RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/CS**

That the open and closed session minutes of the Full Council meeting on 18th December 2017 be approved, as a correct record of the meeting.

FC/289 ITEMS TO ACTION

The Mayor thanked the staff for actioning the items and acknowledged that it was a hectic time of year.

RESOLVED (unanimous) CS/GG

To note the Items to Action.

FC/290 UPDATE ON THE MIDWIFE LED MATERNITY UNITS - LUDLOW**RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/RP**

To note the update on Midwife Led Maternity Units from the Chief Executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital that included the reopening of Ludlow MLU.

FC/291 CASTLE STREET, TRIAL EVALUATION HOLE – BALFOUR BEATTY**RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/VP**

To approve the excavation, and reinstatement within one day, of a trial evaluation hole by the water standpipe on the Market Square, by Balfour Beatty to establish if the water main delivery is plastic or metal on a Tuesday, the provisionally agreed date being the 16th January 2018.

FC/292 COMMUNITY ENABLEMENT TEAM

The Town Clerk explained to Members that she had been informed that Shropshire Council were cutting funding from the Community Enablement Team (CET) from £600,000k to £200,000k, which put the service at risk. She stated the Town Council were not in a position to fund the service, but should communicate their concerns and the value of the service to community of Ludlow.

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/VP

To write a letter of support for the CET:

- i) Praising the work of the CET in Ludlow in relation to youth services, the alcohol partnership, supporting the creation of intelligence for Community Led Planning, Neighbourhood Plans and Place Plans, designing and delivering the Local Joint Committee Meetings, designing and delivering consultations, soft market testing and needs assessments, delivering the Resilient Communities work stream and promoting a culture of confidence within Shropshire's public services. In addition, the CET staff in Ludlow enhance the experience of the vulnerable and community groups, and their efforts go above and beyond their current roles;
- ii) The CET provide an information bridge for Parish & Town Councils; and starting point for community groups and development;
- iii) CET staff enable connection between Senior Managers at Shropshire Council and the Town Council supporting and co-ordinating partnership meetings and antisocial initiatives, equality, crime initiatives, and building effective relationships with a range of partners, as well as providing advice

on local issues, to provide appropriate information on services commissioned by Shropshire Council.

- iv) the monetary saving of £400,000k, which equates to 78 pence per head of population in Shropshire is insignificant in comparison to the loss of connection and service provision within the community. Shropshire Council does not seem to have considered the real impact on people's lives, which would not be evident from a spreadsheet on a computer desk top;

FC/293 LUDLOW CONCERT BAND

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/VP

That the request for the Ludlow Concert Band to play in Castle Gardens on the 1st July 2018 from 1.30pm until 2.30pm as part of the Fringe Festival is approved.

FC/294 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) TG/GG

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

Meeting closed at 7:53pm

Town Mayor

Date

NB Closed session minutes will be issued.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2018** at **7:00PM**

FC/295 **E-LEARNING**

RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/TG

That the £630.00 contract with Shropshire Council for staff and councillor e-learning is approved.

FC/296 **LOCAL SERVICES**

RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GG

That subject to satisfactory information being received from Shropshire Council and adequate time permitted to enable the Town Council to complete their due diligence, and subject to final approval of the contract by Full Council, to approve the Heads of Terms with a view to agreeing a contract for the acquisition of the freehold and maintenance obligations of the 11 recreation areas from Shropshire Council.

The meeting closed at 7.53pm

Town Mayor

Date