

## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017** at **7.00 PM**.

Canon Jeffry Wilcox said prayers before the meeting. The Mayor thanked Canon Wilcox.

### **FC/201 PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr Tim Gill

Councillors: Cllrs Cobley, Garner, Ginger, Lyle, Mahalski, Parry, O'Neil, Paton, Perks, Sheward and Smithers

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk

### **FC/202 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/203 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clarke, Jones & Pote

### **FC/204 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Garner	9	South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF)
Cllr Paton	9	Ludlow Fringe (LF)
Cllr Parry	9	SSYF, Ludlow Area Youth Partnership (LAYP), Ludlow in Bloom

#### Conflicts of Interest

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Smithers	9	SSYF, LAYP
Cllr Lyle	9	Ludlow Football Stadium Partnership
Cllr Gill	9	Ludlow Assembly Rooms (LAR)

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Cobley	9	Member of Friends of Whitcliffe, (FOW)Teme Weirs, LAR, & LAYP
Cllr Garner	9	Friends of Corve & Teme, LAYP
Cllr Parry	9	Ludlow Concert Band
Cllr Paton	9	LAYP
Cllr Perks	9	Knows all the Groups
Cllr Mahalski	9	LAR, LIB, FOW
Cllr Lyle	9	Homestart
Cllr Sheward	9	SSYF
All Cllrs	8	All Cllrs are car owners and /or residents of Ludlow

**FC/205 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There were nine member of the public and one member of the press present.

Tish Dockerty, Secretary of Ludlow Chamber of Commerce

Tish informed the Town Council that the Chamber had submitted a letter to express their concerns regarding the proposed changes to parking in Ludlow. The Chamber's key concerns were that a one size first all approach was not workable. The proposal showed little regard for Ludlow. The Chamber wished to invite Officers and Councillors to discuss Ludlow specific needs. The way the linear charging was to be applied would not work in Ludlow because it removed the parking time restrictions and failed to address Ludlow biggest problem, which was lack of capacity. The proposed changes would lead to unnecessary congestion and clogging up of the town.

With regard to on-street parking, Tish said that the pop and shop 15 minutes on top of the statutory 10 minutes was important to local shoppers and businesses and frequently used. Charging until 8pm was ridiculous and totally at odds with Ludlow's night-time economy. Season tickets should not be permitted in Castle Street car park because there needed to be a constant turnover of vehicles in this car park. One permit should be issued per household.

**FC/206 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION**

Cllr Andy Boddington, Ludlow North said the Town Council's proposed response to the parking consultation was broadly right. He stated that he had received feedback for 200 - 250 residents which he was compiling for presentation to Shropshire Council.

**FC/207 OPEN & CLOSED MINUTES - 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

**RESOLVED (11:0:1) CS/AC**

To approve the open and closed session minutes of the Full Council meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 as a correct record of the meeting.

**FC/208 OPEN MINUTES – 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED (11:0:1) TG/CS**

That subject to the amendment to FC/181 replacing ‘the average footfall over the last three years had been 18k visitors’ with ‘the average footfall over the last three years had consistently been 18k visitors per year’, the open session minutes are approved as a correct record of the Full Council meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**FC/209 CLOSED MINUTES – 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GG**

That the closed session minutes of the Full Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

**FC/210 ITEMS TO ACTION**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) CS/GG**

To note the Items to Action.

**FC/211 STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/AC**

To suspend Standing Orders to change the order of items on the agenda

**FC/212 STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/AC**

To reinstate Standing Orders

**FC/213** ANNUAL CORE GRANTS

Representatives present, who had not previously made representations to Council were invited to make a short [3min max] presentation.

Eric Williams – Ludlow in Bloom

Ludlow in Bloom (LIB) committee consists of eight volunteers, who are also supported by external organisations such as Ludlow Foyer. LIB is an asset to Ludlow and has been successful in winning Heart of England in Bloom Gold award for a number of years. The organisation supports, and is supported by, local schools and the community of Ludlow. Funds are diminished and ongoing support is requested to enable the committee to continue its work.

Amanda Reeves, Ludlow Concert Band

The band has expanded from two members to twenty-eight members. The band supports Ludlow's civic events and LTC support is very important to enable the band to purchase uniforms, and hire rooms for band practice.

David Cooper, Crucial Crew

Annually, the organisation supports 11 year olds to explore dozens of potentially challenging scenarios through interactive role plays. Approx. 60 children in Ludlow are supported each year. The organisation has existed for 17yrs and cost of running the events is 18-19k per annum.

Steve Brotherwood, Ludlow Football Stadium Partnership

Funds are requested to purchase a defibrillator for the stadium. At present, the closest defibrillator is 5-6 minutes away. There is an increased incidence of heart attacks in relatively young players, so there is a need for the defibrillator on site, as it could prove to be a lifesaving piece of equipment.

Richard Morley, South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF)

SSYF is a 20 year old charity, supporting the south of the County, and specifically 50-60 young people from Ludlow. Recent projects have included the Rockspring Garden and detached working. SSYF have undertaken detached working at Ludlow Mayfair. The organisation had experienced a shortfall in funds in this financial year.

Helen Hughes, Ludlow Assembly Rooms

LTC has provided financial support to LAR for 25 years, although the value of the grant has been frozen for the past ten years. LTC's support is invaluable to help attract other funding and has helped to provide stability to the organisation. In the long term, proposed capital funding works will help to create stability, but in the short term change will create a degree of turbulence for the organisation to navigate and continued support from LTC is important and would be appreciated.

Annette, Homestart

Homestart is a locally based charity that does not receive any statutory funding. Funding from LTC will support twenty local women by enabling them to attend a programme to help them move on with their lives. Previously the programme has successfully helped women move into employment.

**FC/214 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - CITIZENS ADVICE (SHROPSHIRE)**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) GP/SO'N**

To award annual core grant funding of £2,000.00 in 2018/19.

**FC/215 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - CRUCIAL CREW**

**RESOLVED (11:0:1) GP/EG**

To award annual core grant funding of £300.00 in 2018/19.

**FC/216 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - FRIENDS OF CORVE AND TEME**

**RESOLVED (11:0:1) SO'N/ AC**

To award annual core grant funding of £250.00 in 2018/19.

Cllr Lyle left the room at 8:04 pm

**FC/217 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - FRIENDS OF WHITCLIFFE COMMON**

**RESOLVED (8:2:1) AC/CS**

To award annual core grant funding of £500.00 in 2018/19.

Cllr Lyle returns 8:06 pm

**FC/218 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - LUDLOW AND AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP**

**RESOLVED (9:2:1) GG/GP**

To award annual core grant funding of £1,000.00 in 2018/19.

**FC/219 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - LUDLOW ASSEMBLY ROOMS**

**RESOLVED (11:0:1) GP/AC**

To award annual core grant funding of £15,000.00 subject to the existing SLA in 2018/19.

**FC/220 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - LUDLOW CONCERT BAND**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) GP/GG**

To award annual core grant funding of £500.00 in 2018/19.

**FC/221 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - LUDLOW FOOTBALL STADIUM PARTNERSHIP**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) DL/EG**

To award annual core grant funding of £500.00 in 2018/19.

Cllr Paton leaves the room 8:14 pm.

**FC/222 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - LUDLOW FRINGE**

**RESOLVED (4:6:0) VP/GG**

To award no funding in 2018/19.  
*Motion not carried*

**RESOLVED (10:0:1) DL/VP**

To award annual core grant funding of £1,000.00 in 2018/19.

Cllr Paton returns 8:23 pm

Cllr Parry leaves the room 8:23pm

**FC/223 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - LUDLOW IN BLOOM**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) GP/EG**

To award annual core grant funding of £3,000.00 in 2018/19.

Cllr Parry returns 8:25 pm.

**FC/224 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - LUDLOW HOMESTART**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) CS/DL**

To award annual core grant funding of £1,000.00 in 2018/19.

Cllrs Garner, Smithers & Paton leave the room at 8:27 pm.

**FC/225 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM**

**RESOLVED (8:0:1) VP/CS**

To award annual core grant funding of £2,000.00 in 2018/19.

Cllrs Garner, Smithers & Paton return at 8:31 pm.

**FC/226 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - TEME WEIRS TRUST**

**RESOLVED (11:1:0) TG/AC**

To award annual core grant funding of £300.00 in 2018/19.

**FC/227 ANNUAL CORE GRANT - VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

**RESOLVED (8:4:0) TG/GP**

To award annual core grant funding of £5,000.00 in 2018/19.

Total Annual Core Grants awarded in 2018/19 - £32,350.00

An increase of £7,500.00 which is approx. equivalent to a 1.6% increase in the precept.

**FC/228 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL PARKING CONSULTATION**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) GG/TM**

To amend the draft parking consultation response, subject to the following:

- i) Only one vehicle should be registered per permit;
- ii) 'In the red zone' amended to 'In the residents parking zones';
- iii) Sunday is the busiest day to be deleted;

**FC/229 RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GP**

- i) To approve the submission of parking consultation response to Shropshire Council, subject to the resolved changes;
- ii) To encourage local residents and businesses to make their own representations to Shropshire Council.

**FC/230 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) TG/GP**

To note the road closure from 9-13<sup>th</sup> October on Temeside.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

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Town Mayor

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Date

NB Closed session minutes will not be issued.