



## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013** at 7.00PM.

### **FC/388** **PRESENT**

Chairman: Councillor Pound, Mayor

Councillors: Draper; Hunt; McCormack; Newbold; Parry; Perks; Phillips; Smithers; Toop; Wilcox

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk;  
Lucy Jones, Finance Secretary

Also in Attendance: Kuldeep Chehal, HR Legal Advisor

### **FC/389** **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/390** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Aitken.

### **FC/391** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

#### Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

#### Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Reason</u>
S McCormack	Legal Advice	Named in the case
J Wilcox	Legal Advice	Named in the case
V Parry	Legal Advice	Named in the case

**FC/392 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There were two members of the public and press present.

Martin Taylor-Smith, 9 Mill Street stated that he understood the meeting was to receive legal advice but that there was no further explanation on the agenda.

He referred to newspaper coverage relating to a tribunal and said in his opinion Ludlow Town Council had two options either settlement or tribunal. He added that Tribunal carried a potentially significant financial risk for the Town Council.

Rosanna Taylor-Smith, 9 Mill Street, wished the Council the best of luck on such a difficult decision. She added that bringing this matter to a speedy conclusion is preferable so that the current uncertainty does not continue into the new Council.

**FC/393 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION**

Unitary Councillor Martin and Rosanna Taylor-Smith were present but made no comment.

**FC/394 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 (JW/PT Unanimous)**

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

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will be issued.