



LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ludlow Town Council meeting held at The Bishop Mascall Centre, Ludlow, on Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Glaze (Town Mayor), Smithers (Deputy Town Mayor), Aitken, Bradley, Callender, Davies, Galtress, Hunt, Kidd, Mitchell, Newbold, Pope, Pound and Wilcox

OFFICERS PRESENT: Linda Thomas, Town Clerk and Roy Guestford, Market Manager

Revd Preb Brian Curnew led the Council in prayer.

FC40/08 APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Perks.

FC41/08 PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

Agenda Item	Councillor's Name	Personal	Prejudicial	Reason
8	J Smithers	✓		Trading in close proximity to Market
13	J Wilcox	✓		Resident of property neighbouring the Broadgate
8	G Kidd		✓	Director of the Food & Drink Festival

FC42/08 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION – There were 17 members of the public present.

Vivienne Parry, Temeside, asked Councillors to encourage participation in the Ludlow in Bloom Quiz and Display Competition. She also reported on discussions that had been held regarding the implementation of flood defence measures.

Wendy Woodward, Snitton, expressed concern that the views of market traders were still not being taken into account in the drawing up of plans for the market enhancement.

Mark Woodward, Snitton, queried the reduction in walkways between stalls from 1.5m to .8m which would restrict access for pedestrians or traders requiring wheelchair access. He commented that traders would be happy with a layout as now with longer roof structures providing more cover for customers.



FC43/08 MINUTES – The minutes of the Council meeting held on 31 March 2008 were agreed and signed as a correct record, subject to an amendment that Councillors Kidd and Perks returned to the room after the meeting closed.

FC44/08 POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE – The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 31 March 2008 were received. The Town Clerk updated members on the arrangements for repairs to the town walls.

FC45/08 SERVICES COMMITTEE - The Minutes of the meetings of the Services Committee held on 18 February, 17 March and 21 April 2008 were received.

FC46/08 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE - The Minutes of the meetings of the Representational Committee held on 19 February, 4 & 18 March, 1 & 22 April 2008 were received.

FC47/08 MARKET ENHANCEMENT – It was noted that the Town Clerk had raised the issue of extending the use of Post Office Square and the Entertainment Square with SCC and SSDC. Further information was awaited.

The ability of the proposals to fit the area currently available was again questioned. Councillor Kidd requested that the Architects be required to confirm that the plan fitted in the area and the acquisition of the extended areas be expedited. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr M Woodward, Chairman of the Ludlow Market Traders Federation to speak. Standing Orders were then reinstated.

Further discussions on the suitability of the plans took place. It was **Resolved** that The Town Council approve the plan and outline costings in principle to allow the application for grant funding to be drawn up. The Town Clerk was instructed to require the Architects to formally and finally confirm that the proposed layout would fit the land currently available.

FC48/08 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR ELECT – The following nominations for the position of Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2008/09 were received:

NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Councillor Keith Mitchell	Councillor Keith Mitchell	
Councillor James Newbold	Councillor Marie Glaze	Councillor Michael Bradley
Councillor John Aitken	Councillor James Smithers	Councillor Jeffrey Wilcox

It was **Resolved** that a secret ballot be held with Councillors Aitken and Newbold as candidates. The votes cast were: Councillor Aitken – 6; Councillor Newbold – 7; Abstentions - 1. **Resolved** that Councillor J Newbold be appointed Town Mayor Elect for 2008/09.



FC49/08 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR ELECT – The following nominations for the position of Deputy Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2008/09 were received:

NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Councillor Keith Mitchell	Councillor Graeme Kidd	Councillor James Smithers
Councillor Derek Davies	Councillor Marie Glaze	Councillor Keith Mitchell

Resolved that Councillor D Davies be appointed Deputy Town Mayor Elect for 2008/09.

FC50/08 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS ON COMMITTEES – **Resolved** that the appointments as listed be approved. It was further **Resolved** that Councillor A Pope be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Remembrance Sunday Working Group.

FC51/08 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – **Resolved** that the appointments as listed be approved.

FC52/08 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE BROADGATE – SCC were in receipt of petitions requesting and opposing the closure of the Broadgate to traffic. Subsequently information had been received regarding proposals by SCC to carry out works designed to make the use of the route by both pedestrians and motorists safer. It was **Resolved** that the Town Council reaffirm its opposition to any proposed closure of the Broadgate to traffic.

FC53/08 TEMESIDE FLOOD DEFENCES AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES – Councillor Callender had requested the Town Council to consider correspondence from a resident of Temeside, which expressed concerns over the lack of measures being implemented to prevent a further occurrence of flooding. Standing Orders were suspended to allow District Councillors M Taylor-Smith and V Parry to report.

Potential problem areas and issues had been identified:

- Increasing the height of certain walls was being considered
- Assurances were being sought from SCC that drains would be properly cleared
- Certain issues had been raised with the Highways Agency
- There was a need to ensure that riparian owners/landlords accepted specific responsibilities for their properties
- Introduction of a barrier to prevent run off down alleyways was being investigated

Standing Orders were then reinstated. Members noted these measures and issues.

FC54/08 BOBBY ROBERTS CIRCUS – A request for the use of the Wheeler Road Amenity site had been received. **Resolved** that the request be approved subject to the following conditions:

- All areas of the Amenity site should be made good following the visit;
- The Circus should provide its own public toilet facilities;
- Any fly-posting put up around the town should be removed following the visit.



FC55/08 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – **Resolved** that in view of the confidential nature of the following item the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

FC56/08 CIVIC AWARDS – Details of the nominations for this year's Civic Awards had been received and were circulated. **Resolved** that Mrs J Peachey receive the Adult Award for 2008 and that a Joint Under 18 Award be made to Chloe Read and Shaunagh Yarham.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Town Mayor

Date