



LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ludlow Town Council held on Wednesday 13 November 2008 at 7.00 pm at The Bishop Mascall Centre, Ludlow

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Linda Thomas, Town Clerk

The Town Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed Councillor Taylor-Smith to his first meeting. Councillor Taylor-Smith requested he be allowed to make a statement and this was agreed by the Mayor. Councillors Bradley, Glaze, Pope and Pound left the room during this statement. Councillor Taylor-Smith wished to thank all those who had voted for him and outlined his reasons for wishing to serve on the Town Council. Councillors Bradley, Glaze, Pope and Pound returned.

FC36/08/9 APOLOGIES – No apologies were received.

FC37/08/9 PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS – There were no declarations of interest received.

FC38/08/9 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION – There were no members of the public present.

FC39/08/9 MINUTES – The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 28 July and 21 August 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as a correct record.

FC40/08/9 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS – The Town Clerk reported that there had been confusion over which version of Standing Orders was currently in operation. It would appear that the version dated 23 October 2006 was the correct one and not January 2008 as had been previously thought. It was **Resolved** that a complete Review of Standing Orders be carried out.

FC41/08/9 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER VACANCIES – **Resolved** that:

- a) Councillor Davies be appointed as a members of the Policy & Finance Committee
- b) Numbers on the Services Committee be increased to 10 and Councillors Taylor-Smith and Mitchell be appointed
- c) No additional member be appointed to Representational Committee at this time
- d) Numbers on the Accounts Sub Committee be increased to 6 and Councillors Glaze and Taylor-Smith be appointed
- e) Councillor Smithers be appointed to the Website & Newsletter Group
- f) Councillor Pope be appointed representative on the SALC Area Committee
- g) Councillor Smithers be appointed representative on the Six Market Towns Group
- h) Councillor Aitken be appointed representative on the Cittaslow Ludlow Committee
- i) Councillor Mitchell be appointed representative on the Pride of Place Group



FC42/08/9 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009 – It was generally agreed that in the current economic climate it was vital for the Town Council to support local business and organisations by producing a leaflet to promote tourism in the town. It was **Resolved** that the production of the leaflet be undertaken and that the Local Tourism Group be involved in the process. It was further agreed that a very short timetable was necessary to ensure the leaflet was available for distribution as soon as possible. The Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend a meeting of the Tourism Group on 18 November to discuss collaboration.

FC43/08/9 MARKET REVIEW – Copies of a report produced in 2003 by New Market Solutions were available for members to review. It was agreed that the review was vital in terms of the current economic situation and was separate from the Enhancement Scheme. There was also a need to spend money wisely and to identify what was required in terms of providing business for the market traders and providing a business for the Town Council. Reference was also made to a report produced in 2006. **Resolved** that the Town Clerk have discussions with New Market Solutions to identify availability and costs.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Town Mayor

Date