



LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Ludlow Town Council held on Thursday 21 August 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, Hunt, Kidd, Perks, Pope, Pound and Wilcox

OFFICERS PRESENT: Linda Thomas, Town Clerk

FC15/08/9 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Cllrs Mitchell and Smithers

FC16/08/9 PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS – The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item	Councillor's Name	Personal	Prejudicial	Reason
4	G Perks		✓	Member of the Town Walls Trust
4	G Perks	✓		Nominated already by Skillbuilders CIC
6	A Pope	✓		Council nominee

FC17/08/9 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION – There were 13 members of the public present.

Martin Taylor-Smith, Mill Street, as member of MTI Committee and Chair of Group looking at Local Area Committees, outlined the position to date and proposals being considered in relation to the succession to MTI. It was envisaged that Unitary elections would be deferred to coincide with June European elections and this would mean that the Shadow Unitary Council would remain in power until that date. He also stated that the District Council would shortly consider becoming a “Friend” of Cittaslow Ludlow.

FC18/08/9 MTI SUCCESSION – a Report from Councillor Perks had been circulated. He would attend a meeting in the forthcoming week at which a decision would be made and sought the views of the Town Council to inform the way he voted on this issue. Councillor Perks outlined his concerns over an apparent rush to organise this succession. This was disputed in that an exit strategy had been under discussion for well over a year and any delay would result in there being no organisation in place when the electoral changes took place. Various views for and against Cittaslow Ludlow being the appropriate partner were expressed. It was **Resolved** that Councillor Perks attend the forthcoming meeting and vote as his conscience dictated.

FC19/08/9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW – Various documents had been circulated. Urgent feedback to SALC was required in order that the views expressed could form part of their response. Some concerns had been expressed over the proposals to include Ludlow urban areas and surrounding rural areas in the same ward. The needs of these areas were undoubtedly different and it was considered by some of the rural parishes that they would be detrimentally affected by this combination. After discussion it was **Resolved** that:



- i. The SALC recommendation that wards should be single member wards be supported.
 - ii. The separation of rural parishes and urban parishes in the same ward be supported.
- Councillor Kidd wished it recorded that he viewed this to be a fundamentally bad decision.

FC20/08/9 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WEST MIDLANDS – Nominations for Board members of this organisation had been invited. Councillor Pope had indicated her interest in being nominated. Councillor Aitken invited Councillor Pope to comment in support of her nomination. She expressed her interest in encouraging Social Enterprise and her wish to be involved in the work of this important organisation. **Resolved** that the nomination of Councillor Pope be approved.

FC21/08/9 CONTINENTAL MARKET – The request to hold a Continental Market on 31 August/1September was approved.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Town Mayor

Date