

LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ludlow Town Council held on Monday 26th January 2009 at 7.00pm at The Bishop Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Hannah Coleman, Assistant Clerk

Councillor Wilcox gave the apologies of Revd Preb Brian Curnew and led the Council in prayer, especially remembering the Town Clerk and Community Services Officer in their times of trouble.

FC49/08/9 APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kidd.

FC50/08/9 PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS – There were no declarations of interest made.

FC51/08/9 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION – There were 9 members of the public present.

Rosanna Taylor-Smith, Mill Street, congratulated the Town Council on the new website and newsletter and looked forward to the next edition. She reminded Councillors of the launch of the Council Strategy and that there was a Pride of Place litter pick on Saturday 31st January starting from the Buttercross.

FC52/08/9 MINUTES – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 27th October & 13th November 2008 be agreed and signed as a correct record. The minutes of 16th January 2009 were not available.

FC53/08/9 POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Councillor Aitken reported and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meetings held on 20th October, 24th November & 8th December 2008 and 19th January 2009 be received.

FC54/08/9 SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor Pound reported and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Services Committee meetings held on 13th October, 17th November 2008 and 12th January 2009 be received.

FC55/08/9 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE – Councillor Wilcox reported and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Representational Committee meetings held on 21st October, 11th & 25th November and 9th December 2008 be received.

FC56/08/9 REVENUE BUDGET – It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2009/10 and issue a precept to Shropshire Council of £309,989 which, based on 3654.87 Band D equivalent properties, would result in an average council tax of £84.82 for a Band D property. This would be an increase of £5.62 or 7.1% on the Town Council's element.

FC57/08/9 MATTERS FOR REVIEW FROM LAST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- a) **Market Enhancement** – It was **NOTED** that Tom Brettell, SSDC, was in contact with AWM and would update the Council on progress when available
- b) **Annual Town Meeting** – It was **AGREED** to consider the PowerPoint presentation prepared by the Mayor and Committee Chairmen at the end of the meeting. Copies of the presentation would be made available to members of the public at the Town Meeting

FC58/08/9 ITEMS REFERRED TO FULL COUNCIL BY COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**a) Policy & Finance Committee**

- (i) **Use of Events Square** – It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would apply for a permanent licence for street trading for cultural and entertainment use, that expired in November 2007, and look into the control and trading arrangements on the Post Office Square.

It was further **RESOLVED** to request a definitive list of the remaining assets of the Town Council held by South Shropshire District Council.

FC59/08/9 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES – It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Members to fill the following vacancies:

COMMITTEE/BODY	REPLACING	NEW MEMBER
Representational Committee	Councillor Mitchell	Councillor Smithers
Town Walls Trust	Councillor Kidd	Councillor Davies
Governing Body of Ludlow College	Former Councillor Owen	Councillor Wilcox

FC60/08/9 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS – It was **RESOLVED** that the items agreed at the Council meeting of 28th January 2008 be adopted and incorporated into the new Standing Orders. It was further **RESOLVED** to defer the review and discussion to another meeting.

FC61/08/9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – It was **RESOLVED** 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.

 Town Mayor

 Date

