



LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ludlow Town Council held on Monday 27 October 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, Pope, Pound, Smithers and Wilcox

OFFICERS PRESENT: Linda Thomas, Town Clerk

FC22/08/9 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchell

FC23/08/9 PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS – The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item	Councillor's Name	Personal	Prejudicial	Reason
9a	G Kidd		✓	Director of Food & Drink Festival
14	M Bradley		✓	Relative of claimant

FC24/08/9 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION – There were 13 members of the public present.

R Cheng, Corve Street, spoke in support of the Licence Review for the Bull Hotel and outlined the disquiet felt by residents at the developments at that establishment. It was generally agreed that there had been an unacceptable change to the night time scene and life had been made unpleasant for residents.

Simon Buteux, Church Walk, commented on the plans to extend the available drinking area to treble its current size.

Ian Taylor, Corve Street, detailed the detrimental effect that the noise and disturbance was having on business at the Feathers Hotel.

Nick James, Corve Street, highlighted the issues of general noise disturbance and anti-social behaviour. There was evidence of an increase in the crime rate and apparently no control.

Rosanna Taylor-Smith stated that the Licence Review had been called in by Ward Councillors.

Chris Cocroft, Church Walk, commented on the disruption to family life being experienced and reported on a four-fold increase in police call outs.

FC25/08/9 MINUTES – The minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 28 July and 21 August 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as a correct record.

FC26/08/9 POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE – The minutes of the meetings of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 29 September 2008 were **RECEIVED**. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 20 October were **NOTED**.

FC27/08/9 SERVICES COMMITTEE - The minutes of the meeting of the Services Committee held on 22 September 2008 were **RECEIVED**. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 October were **NOTED**.



FC28/08/9 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE - The Minutes of the meetings of the Representational Committee held on 29 July, 12 and 26 August, 9 and 23 September and 7 October 2008 were **RECEIVED**.

FC29/08/9 MATTERS FOR REVIEW FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING –

- a) **Market Enhancement:** Members noted that a response to the application for funding was still awaited. The MTI Officer at SSDC had confirmed that there was provisional support for the proposal.
- b) **Town Meeting: Resolved** – That arrangements to hold the meeting in the New Year be made.

FC30/08/9 ITEMS REFERRED TO FULL COUNCIL BY COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS -

- a) **Use of Events Square:** Item referred by Services Committee on 22 September 2008 (Minute S61/08c) – Cllr Kidd outlined the history of the use of the Events Square and then left the room prior to discussion and voting on this topic. A report from the Licensing Officer was noted. **Resolved** – That the Town Clerk discuss with the District Solicitor what arrangements were necessary to provide the Town Council with control over the use of the Events Square. Councillor Kidd returned to the room.
- b) **Management of Biffa Bins for Market Waste:** Item referred by Services Committee on 13 October 2008 (Minute S73/08b) – A draft Management Plan had been presented for consideration. **Resolved** – That the plan be adopted for operation in the short term and that true costs be identified for consideration in the Budget process.
- c) **The Bull Hotel:** Item referred by Representational Committee on 7 October 2008 (Minute R76/08/09) – Cllr Wilcox, Chairman of Representational Committee, echoed the comments of the public made during the open session. Members, in the main, supported the call for a removal of the extended licence and it was **Resolved** – That the Town Clerk make an appropriate submission for consideration by the Licensing Committee at the Review Hearing.
- d) **Town Council Website:** Item referred by Website and Newsletter Working Group on 8 October 2008 (Note 6) – **Resolved** – That subject to a comprehensive proof reading of the contents the Website be approved for launch.

FC31/08/9 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES – Resolved – That appointments under a) and b) be deferred until after the forthcoming election.

FC32/08/9 STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND – Members noted that Investigation Reference SBE21804.08 had been concluded and no action was deemed necessary.

FC33/08/9 THE GUILDHALL (LUDLOW MAGISTRATES COURT) –A specification for DDA and electrical works required by HMCS had been submitted. **Resolved** – That subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer and Access Officer consent be granted.



FC34/08/9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC - PUBLIC BODIES
(ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 - **RESOLVED** that, in the view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

Town Mayor

Date



FC35/08/9 SERVICES COMMITTEE - The confidential minutes of the meeting of the Services Committee held on 22 September 2008 were **RECEIVED**. Minute S67/08a referred to a claim for compensation for damage caused to a family headstone, allegedly by a member of the DLF. **Resolved** – That the claimant be informed that, in the absence of evidence, the Town Council could not accept liability for this damage and therefore no compensation could be made.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Town Mayor

Date