



## LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ludlow Town Council meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 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, Mitchell, Perks, Pope, Pound, Smithers and Wilcox

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Linda Thomas, Town Clerk and Hannah Coleman, Assistant Clerk

Revd Preb Brian Curnew led the Council in prayer, with special thoughts for Roy Guestford, Market Manager, who was unwell.

**FC1/08/9 APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies received.

**FC2/08/9 PREJUDICIAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS** – The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item	Councillor's Name	Personal	Prejudicial	Reason
13	D Davies		✓	Member of the Town Walls Trust
9	N Galtress	✓		Attendee at Cittàslow committee meetings
9	G Kidd	✓		Involvement with Cittàslow UK
13	G Kidd		✓	Member of the Town Walls Trust
13	G Perks	✓		Director on Skillbuilders CIC

**FC3/08/9 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION** – There were 13 members of the public present.

Brian Owen, Dinham, asked that the hard work and vision of Cittàslow be acknowledged as the article in the Telegraph was good publicity for Ludlow.

Daphne Phillips, Linney, expressed her concern at the lack of provision for people, especially children, at Linney Park. The play equipment should be replaced and available to use by people from all over the town, and visitors. She suggested that previous plans for the area could be revisited but perhaps new proposals should not be to such a grand scale.

Graham Hayward, Mary Elizabeth Road, requested that the ‘Blogs’ should be stopped and investigated to prevent further damage. He also raised the issue of the untidy state of the entrance to the Eco Park and litter left on the grounds.

Rosanna Taylor-Smith, Mill Street, gave an update on the Somerfield toilets matter. Talks were ongoing with the offshore owner.

David Chantler, Company Secretary Cittàslow CIC, welcomed Councillor Perks’ paper and was pleased to see that the Council wanted to continue their involvement with Cittàslow. He was concerned that the elected member and director issue had become confusing and was of



the opinion that the Town Council representative should remain a director. This would encourage a successful partnership and enforce what could be achieved for Ludlow.

**FC4/08/9 MINUTES** – The minutes of the Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as a correct record, subject to the amendment to the minute numbering.

**FC5/08/9 POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** – The minutes of the meetings of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were **RECEIVED**. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July were **NOTED**.

**FC6/08/9 SERVICES COMMITTEE** - The minutes of the meeting of the Services Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were **RECEIVED**. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July were **NOTED**.

**FC7/08/9 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** - The Minutes of the meetings of the Representational Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 were **RECEIVED**. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July were **NOTED**.

#### **FC8/08/9 MARKET ENHANCEMENT**

a) **Updated Plans** – After some further discussion on the proposed layout of the market, the plans received from the architect were **NOTED** for funding purposes.

b) **Application for Funding** – The Town Clerk gave a brief report on the funding process and explained what was required in the application. After lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft application and request that Tom Brettell, MTI Officer, continue to assist with the completion and submission to AWM.

**FC9/08/9 REPRESENTATION ON CITTASLOW LUDLOW** – It was confirmed that this issue was not placed on the Representational Committee agenda as the appointment of representatives on outside bodies was the responsibility of Council.

Councillor Bradley left the meeting at 7.57pm

Councillor Perks presented his report. After active debate, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- Councillor Perks should remain as the Council representative on the Cittàslow Ludlow Committee and that another councillor should be elected as a director on Cittàslow Ludlow CIC, with insurance cover as advised
- Councillor Davies be elected as the Council representative as a director on Cittàslow Ludlow CIC

Councillor Smithers left the meeting at 8.10pm.

Councillors Glaze and Mitchell left the meeting at 8.15pm.

It was further **RESOLVED** that:

- The Town Clerk formally write to Cittàslow UK for a response to matters raised in the report, including clarification on the role of the Mayor in a Cittàslow town



- Councillor Perks would investigate the management and relationships of CICs and would report back accordingly

**FC10/08/9 PUBLIC TOILETS AT SOMERFIELD** – The Town Clerk gave a brief update and referred to a letter received from Simon Ditton, Solicitor at SSDC.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to the regional headquarters of Co-op to inform them of the current situation regarding the toilets and seek their assistance in generating an agreement.

**FC11/08/9 TOWN MEETING** – It was **AGREED** to investigate the possibility of holding the Town Residents Meeting in the Assembly Rooms in the latter half of September.

**FC12/08/9 SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY** – It was **AGREED** that:

- The suggested ideas of a Christmas Party or Street Party For All should be investigated
- The Civic Ceremonial budget should be perused to generate £500
- The Chairman and Deputy of the Policy & Finance Committee have delegated power to make a decision after investigations are made

**FC13/08/9 TOWN WALLS TRUST** – The letter received from the Trust requesting support from the Council towards the cost of their establishment was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the budget should be scrutinised for available funds to be presented to the Accounts Sub-committee. It was agreed that special effort should be made to support the Trust as previous promises had not be carried out.

**FC14/08/9 LINNEY RIVERSIDE PARK** – The letter received from Mrs Phillips regarding Linney Park was **NOTED**. It was **AGREED** to refer the matter to the Services Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date