



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2017** at **7.00PM**

PF/42 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Cobley

Councillors: Gill, Parry, Perks, Pote, Sheward, Mahalski, O'Neill, Smithers, Garner

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk
Rachael Ponsford, Finance Assistant

PF/43 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Chairman informed Councillors and members of the public of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

PF/44 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ginger, Jones, Clarke and Lyle.

PF/45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
None declared		

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
T Gill	10	Mayor's Charity
G Perks	9a	Ongoing complaint

Declarations of Personal Interest

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
A Cobley	13	Friends of Ludlow Hospital
G Perks	8a	Family connection
	9b	Street Furniture – part of project
	13	Family connection
	16	Ongoing disciplinary complaint
V Parry		Ludlow in Bloom
C Sheward	16	Knows Company Staff Member
E Garner	16	Knows Company Staff Member

PF/46 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

Gill George representing Shropshire Defend Our Hospital/Save Ludlow Hospital gave members information regarding a new coalition to save Ludlow Hospital. Ms George was seeking support from members and enquired to the possibility of advertising the online petition on LTC website together with promoting the public meeting which is to take place on 9th December at 7pm at The Methodist Church.

Councillors motioned to support the public meeting of which Mayor Gill will be Chairman and are happy to promote the online petition.

PF/47 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Councillor Parry, Ludlow South confirmed that she supported the Save Ludlow Hospital Campaign.

PF/48 MINUTES

RESOLVED (6:3:1) AC/TG

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 11th September 2017, be amended to include Councillor Mahalski within the apologies list and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

PF/49 ITEMS TO ACTION

The Chairman thanked staff for their work.

RESOLVED (9:0:1) JS/GP

That the Items to Action be noted.

PF/50 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

RESOLVED (unanimous) AC/JS

That the Payments, Income, Reconciliation, Barclaycard, PayPal and Mayor's Charity reports for August and September 2017, be received.

PF/51 **2ND QUARTER**

Councillor Perks left the meeting at 7.30pm.

RESOLVED (unanimous) AC/CS

That the 2nd Quarter Income and Expenditure; and Exceptions reports, be received.

Councillor Perks returned to the meeting at 7.34pm.

Councillor Gill left the meeting at 7.35pm

PF/52 **OUTSTANDING INVOICE**

RESOLVED (unanimous) GP/AC

- i) To make payment of the invoice from Council funds;
- ii) To adopt the procedure of raising a purchase order for all services and supplies to the Mayor's Charity.

Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 7.42pm.

PF/53 **POLICIES**

Senior's Party Protocol

RECOMMENDED (unanimous) AC/GP

To adopt the Senior Citizen's Protocol; and review if necessary depending on the feedback from the Local Services consultation

PF/54 **MARKET VAT**

RESOLVED (unanimous) AC/JS

To note the information from NABMA

PF/55 **MINOR INJURIES UNIT**

RECOMMENDED JS/CS

To create a working group to consider the review of Minor Injury Units (MIU), Diagnostic, Assessment and Access to Rehabilitation and Treatment (DAART) Services and Community Beds.

PF/56 WEST MERCIA ENERGY

RESOLVED (unanimous) JS/TG

To note the information

PF/57 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

The Chairman moved 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.

RESOLVED (unanimous) AC/JS

That the public be excluded and the meeting continue in closed session. The Public left the meeting at 8.05pm.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Chairman

Date

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will be issued