



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held in the Stable Block Meeting Room, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow on **TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2010 at 7PM**

R9/10 PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Wilcox

Vice Chairman: Cllr Hunt (Chair of meeting)

Councillors: Aitken, Callender, Jackson, McCormack, Parry and Smithers

Officers: Gina Wilding, Admin Assistant

R11/10 APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

R12/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2007 issued under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 Members declared interests as follows: -

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>
Cllr Hunt	R15/10 (a)
Cllr Parry	R15/10 (a)
Cllr Smithers	R15/10 (a)

R13/10 OPEN SESSION

There were two members of the public present.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Rosanna Taylor-Smith	Mill Street, Ludlow
Rebecca Arnold	Sycamore Close, Ludlow

Rosanna Taylor-Smith, Shropshire Councillor, spoke in relation to R18/10 d) Consultation Draft Charter for Shropshire Councils. She informed the meeting that the draft charter would be on the agenda of Local Joint Committee (LJC) on 2nd March 2010.

Rebecca Arnold representing Ludlow Guides, spoke in relation to item R18/10 (a) Ludlow Scout and Guide Community Centre.

R14/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 12th January 2010** were approved.

R15/10 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

- (a) Members considered a grant application from Marie Curie Cancer Care. Members agreed that they were very supportive of the aims and work of the charity, but felt unable to support the application because it provided no estimated number for people in Ludlow likely to benefit.

Members made direct reference to the criteria for Project Support Grants, and agreed unanimously that a large nationally based organisation such as Marie Curie fell outside their understanding of the core criteria of supporting small local organisations and charities, and they were therefore unable to make an award.

- (b) Members **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council, a donation of £100 to the RNA, in recognition of the tapestry of Ludlow Market designed and made by Jack Andow, and kindly given to Ludlow Town Council.

R16/10 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

09/03047/COU	Grant
09/02968/LBC	Grant
09/03405/FUL	Grant
09/03533/FUL	Grant
09/03534/LBC	Grant
09/03593/ADV	Withdrawn
09/03596/LBC	Withdrawn

09/03846/TCA No Objection
 09/03854/TCA No Objection

R17/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS

09/03755/LBC	Streatley House 135 Corve Street Ludlow	Object
LTC comments: LTC are in agreement with the objections and advice contained in the memorandum dated 27 th January from Tim Roberts, Senior Officer, Highways Development Control.		
09/03849/LBC	44 Lower Broad Street Ludlow	No Objection
09/03884/FUL	33 Broad Street Ludlow	No Objection
09/03885/LBC	33 Broad Street Ludlow	No Objection
09/03924/FUL	37 Whitbread Road Ludlow	Object
LTC comments: LTC object to the application in its current form because it would change the of the crescent, and therefore be detrimental to the current street scene. Cllrs would prefer the extensions to be situated to the rear of the property, as this would avoid the problem.		
10/00072/TCA	40A Dinham Ludlow	No Objection
10/00075/TPO	40 Dinham Ludlow	No Objection
09/03518/LBC	11 Lower Mill Street Ludlow	No Objection
09/03823/LBC	Ludlow Masonic Hall Brand Lane Ludlow	No Objection
10/00002/LBC	112 Corve Street Ludlow	No Objection
09/03876/FUL	7 Hopton Close, Ludlow	No Objection

R18/10 PLANNING, TRANSPORT, PARKING & PATHS

a) Ludlow Scout and Guide Community Centre

Members were unable to make any recommendation in relation to an amended scheme.

b) Blue Boar

Members NOTED a letter from Alan Proctor informing them that the application had been withdrawn and the hearing cancelled.

c) Shropshire Building Preservation Trust

Members considered the proposal for membership of the Trust, but decided that the work of the Trust was duplicated by the work of other organisations such as the newly established Development Trust, in Ludlow, and therefore declined the invitation.

d) Consultation Draft Charter for Shropshire Councils

Cllrs are supportive of a charter to assist the cooperative working between larger and smaller councils, but feel that the success of the charter rests with a clear understanding and acknowledgement of the differences between the large and small Councils.

Cllrs believe that the charter assumes both parties are equal, however, this does not reflect the reality of a small council responding to, or working with, a large Council, in possession of greater power and authority, and in terms of resources and a wider field of concern and influence.

With this in mind, Councillors would like to see a clear obligation for Shropshire Council to offer an explanation to smaller councils for their decisions, especially if Shropshire Council does not agree with the comments of a town or parish council. This transparency is important in order to develop better co-operation and a higher degree of trust than currently exists.

Cllrs also felt that Shropshire Council needs to be mindful that town and parish councils, with less resources and staff available to them, can easily become overwhelmed by large amounts of information to disseminate and digest within short deadlines.

In the past, Cllrs have not received timely information, which has led them to give residents wrong information, and falsely, appear to be uninterested in the concerns of residents, and generally less informed than the average person.

This can be illustrated with a specific recent example - the roundabout on Gravel Hill / Henley Road. Cllrs received no formal notification of the work or timeframe from Shropshire Council, which means they were unable to answer the queries of residents and felt that they were unnecessarily made to look ineffective in their role as Councillors.

Cllrs are not opposed to the draft charter, but they are concerned that there are no actual checks and balances to ensure that Shropshire Council is diligent in its responsibilities to smaller local authorities, who have a responsibility to represent local concerns within the wider authority framework.

e) Harp Lane – The response from Street Scene was NOTED.

f) Planning Training

The training session that has been arranged for the first hour of the meeting on 16th March 2010 was **NOTED** with thanks. Cllrs asked that all members of the Council are invited to attend this session.

The meeting closed at **8:20pm**

Chairman

Date

NB: No confidential minutes will be issued