

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Stable Block Meeting Room, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 5th MARCH 2012** at **7.00PM**.

S/99 **PRESENT**

Chairman: Councillor Parry

Councillors: Callender; Davies; Hunt; Perks; Phillips; Pound

Officers: Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk
Naomi Brotherton, Admin Assistant

In attendance: Mr Clifford Stokes

S/100 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Smithers.

S101 **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 the following interests:

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cllr Parry	5	Committee Member Ludlow in Bloom
Cllr Davies		Town Walls Trust
Cllr Perks	8	Involved with the Youth Festival as Skill Builders

Prejudicial Interests

No prejudicial interests were declared.

S/102 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Clifford Stokes and invited him to speak. Mr Stokes stated that two years ago the Town Council had banned live goldfish from being sold at the annual Mayfair. He stated that the Showman's Guild and the RSPCA

had liaised on the matter for some considerable time. The RSPCA had issued literature, (which had been attached to the Committee Agenda) regarding the care of goldfish and if he was allowed to provide live goldfish he would only issue them to winners over the age of 18 and they would be in a small plastic bucket with air holes.

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RESOLVED (6:0:1)

That the Minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on the 16th January 2012, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

S/104 LUDLOW IN BLOOM

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the minutes of the Ludlow in Bloom Committee meetings held on the 10th January and 7th February 2012 be noted.

S/105 GOLDFISH

The Town Clerk updated the Committee regarding goldfish and the Committee discussed the issue.

RECOMMENDED (6:1:0)

That live goldfish are not permitted to be given as prizes at the Mayfair and the current Policy remains unchanged.

S/106 TIME CAPSULE – QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Town Clerk drew the Committee's attention to the time capsule which had been purchased to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. It was proposed that the capsule was stored in the roof space of the Buttercross Clock for a period of time. She explained that local Schools had already been invited to contribute items.

The Committee discussed items which should be put into the capsule and then length of time the capsule should be kept before being re-opened.

RECOMMENDED (unanimous)

That:-

- i) the capsule be re-opened after a period of 50 years;

- ii) items included from the Town Council should be photographs of Ludlow through the ages, the Guildhall Book, Newspapers and a DVD of the Senior's Christmas Party;
- iii) Groups e.g. the Access Group and Civic Society should be asked to contribute in addition to the schools.

S/107 REQUEST TO WHEELER ROAD FOR YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Town Clerk advised Members of the current situation that Shropshire Council were now organising the event, since the Ludlow Assembly Rooms were no longer involved due to the departure of Paula Redway. She explained that there would be no cost to the Town Council for the skate park events as sponsors would be paying.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That Shropshire Council would be allowed to use the space for the Youth Festival with the Town Council.

S/108 OLYMPIAD MARKET

The Town Clerk outlined the proposed celebrations for procession of the Olympic torch and the planned Olympiad market. There was considerable discussion regarding the celebrations.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the matter be referred to a Communications Working Group for further discussion and all Members be invited to attend to discuss the potential celebrations.

S/109 CEMETERY MATTERS

Request to have a stump removed from a Grave

RECOMMENDATION (unanimous)

That the issued be referred to the next Policy & Finance Committee to enable a site visit to take place.

S/110 REPLACEMENT/MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING KERBS

The Committee discussed the replacement and maintenance of existing kerbs at length.

RECOMMENDED (unanimous)

That the replacement or maintenance of existing kerbs, or any type of edging, should be permitted on a like for like basis with no change to the current Policy regarding new graves where they are prohibited.

S/111 MARKET MATTERS

The Market Officer explained his report to the Committee, highlighting the recommendations and the rationale behind them.

RECOMMENDED (unanimous)

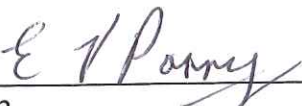
That the recommendations be simplified and the matter be referred to the next Policy & Finance Committee.

S/112 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED (unanimous)

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.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.



Chairman

16.4.12

Date

N.B. Confidential Minutes will be issued.