

# MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow, on **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018** at **7.00PM**.

## **S/108 PRESENT**

Chairman: Councillor M Clarke

Councillors: Cobley, Garner, Gill, Ginger, Jones, Lyle, Parry, Paton and Perks.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk  
 Sean Turgoose, DLF & Market Supervisor  
 Anthony Bevington, Finance Assistant

## **S/109 HEALTH & SAFETY**

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

## **S/110 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Smithers.

## **S/111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
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### Conflicts of Interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor Ginger	CCTV (8)	Local Business in Town

### Personal Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor Cobley	CCTV (8)	Son-in-Law works for Police
Councillor Parry	Item 13	
Councillor Parry	Item 14	Ludlow in Bloom
Councillor Parry	Item 15	Ludlow in Bloom
Councillor Lyle	Item 15	Pride of Place
Councillor Perks	Item 9	Resident in Ward
Councillor Perks	Item 10	Ludlow 21
Councillor Perks	Item 13	Repairs the Benches

Councillor Perks	Item 14	Pride of Place
Councillor Perks	Item 15	Ludlow in Bloom
Councillor Clarke	Item 11	Knows applicant of Linney

**S/112 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There were three members of the public were present

Michael Jackson, Lower Broad Street

Mr Jackson said he was not impressed about the increase in dog fouling and litter that is appearing near to his residence. He stated that a number of skips are also not being covered and this is adding to the issue. On a number of occasions he said that he had reported this to the Town Council, but he was disappointed that he was referred to Shropshire Council. He expressed serious concern that nothing is being done about the issue.

Tish Dockerty, Castle View Terrace

Mrs Dockerty spoke as the Secretary of Ludlow Chamber of Commerce and reported that she had recently learned of the existence of Ludlow Town Council 's CCTV Working Group and was very pleased to have met with the group and encourage the Town Council to act as soon as possible and to work with local businesses to improve the town's CCTV provision.

As Chairman of Ludlow 21, Mrs Dockerty stated that there is a lot of support for the Castle Gardens Fountain to become a working fountain, and Ludlow 21 was campaigning to raise awareness to reduce the use of plastic bottles. Ludlow 21 is keen to find a workable solution for a public fountain in Ludlow, although the group appreciated that reinstating the historic fountain in Castle Gardens may not be viable option. Tish stated that Ludlow 21 would find the funding for a public fountain.

**S/113 LUDLOW UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

There was one member of the Unitary Council present. Cllr Parry had no updates for the committee.

**S/114 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) MC/TG**

That the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**S/115 ITEMS TO ACTION**

The Chair thanked the staff for completing the items to action.

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) MC/AC**

To note the Items to Action.

**S/116 CCTV**

The CCTV Working Group were thanked for all their hard work. It was noted that the current CCTV maintenance contract would not be applicable to the new system and month rather than annual cover would be more appropriate.

**RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) GP/TG**

To approve the proposed next steps as proposed by the CCTV Working Group

**S/116 RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) MC/GP**

That a reporting structure be agreed between the Town Clerk and Chair of Services Committee and the CCTV Working Group

**S/116 RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) GP/TG**

That sources of funding specifically from the Police Crime Commioner (PCC) are are indentified.

**S/116 RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) MC/ EG**

To seek quotes for upgrading the CCTV

**S/117 WARD NOTICEBOARDS**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) RJ/GG**

To write to the resident informing them that the Council have reviewed the provision of a community noticeboard, but at present there is not sufficient funds available. However, the Council believe that it is a good idea and would encourage the resident to pursue alternative ways to achieve the idea such as approaching local businesses and shops for space and sponsorship for a community noticeboard.

**S/118 CASTLE GARDENS FOUNTAIN**

Discussions centred around the problem of standing water. It was pointed out that Ludlow Civic Society previously wanted to restore the fountain but were informed about the Health risk and highlighted that other fountains around the country have been closed for this very reason.

**RESOLVED (3:7:0) MC/GP**

To invite Ludlow 21 to a future Services Committee meeting to inform members of initiatives. **The Motion was Not Carried**

**S/118        RESOLVED (Unanimous) MC/GG**

To restate the Council's previous decision that it would not be feasible to bring the historic fountain in Castle Gardens back into working order.

**S/119        LINNEY RIVERSIDE PARK**

Members discussed the response from the Earl of Plymouth Estates and agreed that the Council should put a specification together and submit proposals to the Earl of Plymouth Estates.

The Council have received an expression of interest and to move this forward, need to ensure that we are able to sublet. Reference will have to be made to a previous exploration of The Linney Riverside and review the ideas that were put forward.

Members raised the idea that as the Council own the land beyond the stonewall, it would be beneficial to consider developing the land and to use existing electricity and sewer services, that are in place for the toilets. The Council could reinstate the boating and putting green.

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) MC/GG**

To reinstate the boating and putting green with relevant permission to the Earl of Plymouth Estates.

**S/120        LUDLOW FAIRTRADE TOWN**

The existing signs around Ludlow have been put up either by Chamber of Trade or Shropshire Council. The Town Council do not have any issue with signs but suggest that each individual group wishing to, should seek the relevant approval and report back to Council.

Local Businesses do advertise in shop windows of the achievement of Fairtrade in Ludlow.

**RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) GG/RJ**

That the Ludlow Fairtrade Group pursue the project and seek the appropriate approval and report back at a later meeting.

**S/121        BENCHES**

Members discussed that it is not the intention that the Council takes on the responsibility of repairing all benches around Ludlow. A map will have to be produced identifying the various bodies who own the benches.

**RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) GG/RJ**

That Councillor Perks compiles the relevant information about where the benches are positioned and the state of repair, and reports back to Services.

**S/122 LITTER AND DOG FOULING**

Members gave a number of examples of the problem but emphasised that without enforcement by Shropshire Council the problem may not be resolved. It was suggested that contact should be made to local groups about the 'great litter pick'

**RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) MC/TG**

To make the information in the report public and encourage residents to be involved in the positive initiatives that are taking place in their town.

**S/123 LUDLOW IN BLOOM**

Councillor Parry informed the Council that Ludlow in Bloom have been offered Church benches from Highways Department and that she will report back regarding the flower beds at St John's Garden at the next Services meeting

**NOTED (Unanimous) MC/TG**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Chairman

N.B. No Closed Session Minutes will be issued.

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Date