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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th February 2015

PRESENT

Councillors: R Hewson (Mayor), A Chesters, B Duffy, J Ebbs, T Harris, T Neville, T O'Neill, J M Rigley, J N Sinnott, B Slater, and L Stones.

IN ATTENDANCE

M Wilson (Town Clerk)

The Mayor asked for a minutes silence for Mrs Linda Bate former Chairman of Chamber of Trade.

1. Apologies

Cllr T Harris	–	None given
Cllr M McDonald	–	work commitment
Cllr L Stones	–	none given

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes

After a proposal by Councillor Sinnott and seconded by Councillor O'Neill **WTC/81/1415**
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on **15th January 2015** be signed as an accurate record of that meeting

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Hewson reported that he attended the Farmers Market cancer charity day and opened the dementia ward at Western House.

6. Outstanding Actions

None

7. Public Participation

No Public participation

8. Minutes from Committees

- Heritage Committee held on 5th February, Extraordinary Heritage Committee held on 12th February 2015. Cllr Duffy gave an overview of the minutes to the councillors After a proposal by Councillor Neville and seconded by Councillor Hewson **WTC/82/1415 RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on **5th and 12th February 2015** be agreed.
- Civic Centre and Markets Committee 12th February 2015. Cllr Sinnott did not read the minutes out but made members aware that item 11 on the agenda was to be discussed as a result of the meeting held on the 12th Feb 2015. After a proposal by Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor O'Neill **WTC/83/1415 RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on **12th February 2015** be agreed
- Finance Committee held on 12th February 2015. Cllr Chesters reminded members that the heating in the heritage centre had been an outstanding action and now needs to be resolved, quotes are being sort.

The insurance with Zurich shows a value of £900,000 for the Heritage Centre and the clerk has researched the cost of valuation of the building compared with the reduction in the premium and it proved that there would be no savings as the valuation cost would be expensive in comparison to the reduction in the premium.

Cllr Chesters also reported that the cleaning of the war memorial will go ahead, there would be increased signage for the Heritage Centre and the amendment to financial regulations due to internet banking had been approved. After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Chesters **WTC/84/1415 RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on **12th February 2015** be agreed

9. Report from Members on Outside Organisations.

- Cllr Rigley reported attending the Town Twinning dinner.
- Cllr Neville reported attending the Local joint economic board meeting where the update on the youth commissioning was discussed. It was reported that the Centre North East building would not be shared with the youth club. Also there is an allocation of £15k to run the service; the funds are small but Shropshire Council are going to use the funds and try and try to get as much service provision for the allocation as possible. Cllr Neville reported that the youth workers had not been given a redundancy notice. Cllr Neville also reported that the police would like residents to dial 101 for cars parked on the pavement. Those cars parked where there is no lines the police should be informed and those with lines Shropshire Council.
- Cllr Slater reported attending the Youth steering meetings on Tuesday. There has been a survey done and 86% would like a skate park. Cllr Slater reported that she had attended a meeting where LJC members were present and three young people but was asked, in front of all present to leave the meeting, which caused embarrassment for her and the youth workers present. Cllr Slater was informed that the money given for the Youth Centre £15k was going to be given to another organisation to run the service.
- Cllr Duffy attended the Farmers Market meeting. They discussed the advertising and promoting of the market. Nicki Young informed the committee they were not allowed to put banners on the railings. Clarify was confirmed about this as Cllr Duffy was mentioned in social media as telling the farmers market they were not allowed when it fact it is Shropshire Council that have put the restrictions on the banners. A question was raised as to why there is one up permanently which would be addressed with the Shropshire Councillor present.

- Cllr O'Neill reported from the CAP meeting. He informed members that Sainsbury's are being proactive in that they are steering the teaching.
Cllr O'Neill reported that he had attended the Beechtree friends meeting and reported that they are struggling to raise money and are putting on events. They have to reduce some staff hours to cover shortfalls in funding; they need to raise funds as they are struggling.

10. Location of Shropshire Council representative

Already discussed at last month meeting.

11. Recommendation from Civic Centre and Markets Committee

The Civic Centre meeting requested a vehicle for facilities staff. After a proposal by Councillor Neville and seconded by Councillor O'Neill **WTC/85/1415 RESOLVED:** to purchase a vehicle up to the value of £2,500.

12. Skate Park

A meeting is being held on the 4th March to discuss the results of the surveys completed.

13. Shropshire Councillor's Report.

Cllr Dakin read out an email sent by Nicki Young to arrange a meeting to read the reports from the surveyors as they are supposed to have completed their work by the 1st March. Cllr Rigley stated that having met some of the young people he would not oppose a skate park if it is representative of the youth of the town.

Cllr Dakin went on to read the minutes of the last meeting and made comments on the public session. Cllr Dakin confirmed that the case officer Sue Collins 12/04083/DIS has stated that there will be a tree planting scheme in March.

11/00806/FUL the measurements are correct therefore no further action will be taken.

All correspondence would be held on the website.

All major alterations will be notified to the Town Council

Cllr Dakin wanted put in the minutes that any minor changes he could not be held responsible. Cllr Sinnott asked why the complaints procedure had not been improved since a complaint from the Ombudsman in July 2014. Cllr Dakin suggested that Cllr Sinnott took his questions to Clive Wright.

Cllr Dakin was asked why the banner on the Bullring was up permanently when the Farmers Market was not allowed to put one up every month; Cllr Dakin would look into this and look at the poster.

14. Christmas Lights for 2015

The clerk had been tasked to seek further costs to purchase some Christmas lights for Dec 2015.

15. WW1

WW1 cabinet discussed as it is nearer completion. Cllr Ebbs asked the Chairman of the Civic Committee if they had discussed posters and the left over money from the glass to put a manikin in the civic. Cllr Sinnott informed Cllr Ebbs the posters were not discussed; the only item discussed was the glass at the bottom of the stairs and this was refused.

16. Going Places magazine

Councillors were not convinced that the coverage given for the price would be worthwhile and turn down the motion until circulation coverage, the extent of the advert, what to advertise and how often it is printed is determined.

17. Correspondence

None

18. Statement of Accounts

After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Chesters **WTC/86/1415**
RESOLVED to accept the accounts

19. Appointments of members to Town Council Committees and Outside Bodies

WTC Committees:

Civic Centre & Markets Committee	–	Cllr Hewson
Parks & Open Spaces	–	Cllrs Rigley and Duffy
Heritage Committee	–	Cllr Leverton

Outside Bodies:

Joint Cemetery Board	–	Cllr Rigley
Beechtree Community Centre	–	Leave as one Cllr O'Neill

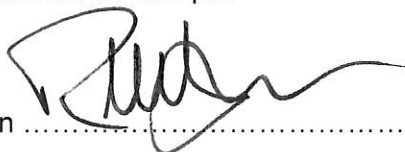
20. Confidential Business

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

21. Continued contract for the lease of the Civic.

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm

Chairman



Date

19.3.15.