MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JUNE 2014

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

IN ATTENDANCE
M Wilson (Town Clerk), Cllr G Dakin (Shropshire Councillor)

1. APOLOGIES
   The following apologies and reasons for absence were received:
   Cllr C Hitchiner - Illness
   Cllr B Duffy – another engagement

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   No interests were declared.

3. MINUTES
   After a proposal by Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Sinnott
   WTC/11/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2014 be agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING
   To deal with matters arising from those minutes not otherwise on the agenda.
   CCM/21/1314 to rescind this resolution after 5 members requested that the hirers of the Civic
could charge their own prices for the Coffee mornings. After a proposal by Councillor McDonald
and seconded by Councillor Hewson (2 abstentions) WTC/12/1415 RESOLVED to let the
hirers charge their own prices for coffee.

5. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
   The Mayor announced that he attended the St John Talbots School and saw the ‘A’ level projects
and he attended a Summer Fete at the CE school.

6. Correspondence
   • Thank you letter from Friends of Whitchurch Community Hospital
   • Thank you letter for Grant for Edward German Festival
   • Thank you letter for Grant for Whitchurch Cricket Club
   • Email regarding housing needs survey Cllr Dakin to discuss under Shropshire Councillor’s
     report
   • Notification from Shropshire Council after resignation of two councillors to Co-Opt
   • Details of Defibrillator to be reimbursed by the Rotary Club when Town Council purchase
     it.
   • Email from Local Works asking Councils to petition for Sustainable Communities Act that
doesn’t allow Town and Parish Councils to sell electricity that they generate from local
schemes. It was agreed to respond to this email favourably.

7. OUTSTANDING ITEMS
   The minutes of previous meetings still requiring action were noted.

8. Presentation from Stuart Thomas Re planning application for Dearnford Lake, Whitchurch.
   A presentation of a proposal of a planning application which included a hotel, holiday lodges
   restaurant and garden shop to the councillors and a request to seek out answers to questions
   directly.
9. Presentation from Sam Hine Whitchurch Waterways Trust
Presentation from WWT to get support to create a canal basin in Whitchurch, they are seeking funds and want to ensure that the all applications sent were aware that the Town Council gave its support for the scheme. After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Sinnott WTC/13/1415 RESOLVED to give support to their proposal.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Standing orders were suspended to allow public participation; a member of the public asked about supplying more litter bins to dispose of dog waste. Cllr Dakin is going to seek advice and inform the clerk of the legalities. The resident also asked about the rule for not letting her dog into the Civic Building. Cllr Sinnott explained that the old corridor is now part of the building and when the Civic first opened dogs were let in the corridor side and the owners let them urinate on the walkway, this was not acceptable and if one responsible owner is allowed those who are not responsible will continue to let their dog leave a deposit for our staff to clean away.

11. Casual Vacancy Co Option
Mr Roger Willis has sent in a letter to be considered for a councillor vacancy all present were in agreement for this individual to apply for the current vacancies.

12. Minutes from Committees
To receive the Minutes of the following committees as presented by the Chairman and to consider any recommendations contained therein.

- **Parks Committee** After a proposal by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Chesters WTC/14/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2014 be accepted.

- **Civic & Markets** Cllr Rigley raised a point that item 15 was not proposed by him but by Councillor Hewson, minutes will be amended before signing. After a proposal by Councillor Sinnott and seconded by Councillor Hewson WTC/15/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2104 be accepted.

- **Heritage** After a proposal by Councillor Neville and seconded by Councillor O'Neill WTC/16/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th May 2014 be accepted.

- **Personnel** Cllr Sinnott informed councillors that all staff will have employment development reviews by the end of July. Also that recruitment of a member of staff to assist in the extra hours on a contract with no hours. After a proposal by Councillor Sinnott and seconded by Councillor Hewson WTC/17/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 4th June 2014 be accepted.

- **CCTV and Christmas Lights** Mayor Hewson reported that the Town Council has been awarded some extra funding for CCTV cameras. Cllr O'Neill informed councillors that the Christmas Lights event would be organised by Town Council as the Chamber have passed it over. After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Ebbs WTC/18/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 4th June 2014 be accepted.

- **Finance**
Cllr Chesters bought to the attention item 9 on the minutes concerning the Mayors allowances. After a proposal by Councillor Chesters and seconded by Councillor McDonald WTC/19/1415 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 12th June 2014 be accepted.

13. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
Cllr Dakin spoke about the housing needs of Whitchurch; he gave out statistics on the need for housing in the area. Cllr Dakin gave direction in the planning applications that are being sent to the Town Council that they could request they type of affordable housing to be built.
Cllr Dakin asked the Town Council in principle if they would agree to the skate park being sited at Deer Moss Park, this will be put on the agenda for an extra ordinary Parks meeting next week. The sports officer is looking into the land suitability and a survey to the children is being conducted. The resident’s need to be canvassed; Cllr Slater agreed to canvass the residents.

14. REPORT FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS
- Cllr Chester’s reported back on the LJC meeting held on the 18th June. At the meeting there was a presentation from St John’s Talbot school covering the award of academy status which will start from September 2014. McDonalds gave everyone present an update on their contribution to litter picking. PC LeClare gave a talk about the Shop watch scheme and how successful it is proving to be and also informed everyone that the police station is going to close in September 2014. Shropshire Council gave a talk on Commissioning.
- Cllr Harris reported that he had attended the four Alms house meetings which were to agree the financial returns. They also gave an Alms house to a 100 year old lady and provided a cooker and washer to another Alms house resident.

15. Blackberry Fair
A request from organiser to use the Sports Hall and car park if the weather is inclement. After a proposal by Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Rigley. It was WTC/20/1415 RESOLVED: That the Blackberry Fair could use the Sports Hall and car park in bad weather and this would be free of charge as part of their grant award.

16. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE
After a Proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor WTC/21/1415 RESOLVED: The Town Council confirmed that it still satisfies the criteria for the eligibility of the Localism Act 2011 s8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, in that it has more than two thirds of its councillors elected and has a suitably qualified Town Clerk appointed, now resolves to adopt the General Power of Competence provisions of s1 of the Localism Act 2011. Furthermore the Town Council realises that it will be required to make further declaration of its continued eligibility at each subsequent annual council meeting.

17. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
After a proposal by Councillor Chester’s and seconded by Councillor McDonald. It was WTC/22/1415 RESOLVED Annual Accounts for 2013 2014 were greed and signed.

18. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
After a proposal by Councillor Chester’s and seconded by Councillor McDonald. It was WTC/23/1415 RESOLVED The Annual Governance statement be approved and signed.

19. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT
After a proposal by Councillor Chester’s and seconded by Councillor McDonald. It was WTC/24/1415 RESOLVED To approve the Internal Audit Report for 2013-2014 for submission to the External Auditor.

20. Statement of Accounts
After a proposal by Councillor Chester’s and seconded by Councillor McDonald. It was WTC/25/1415 RESOLVED To receive the Statement of Accounts for month 1 and 2.

21. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS
None.

(The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.)

Chairman __________________________ Dated __17/7/14__________________