TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT


IN ATTENDANCE

M Wilson (Town Clerk), Cllr Dakin and Cllr Wynn (Shropshire Councillors)

1. Apologies

   Cllr Harris – Unwell
   Cllr M McDonald – work commitment

2. Declarations of Interest

   None

3. Minutes

   After a proposal by Councillor Stone and seconded by Councillor Neville WTC/70/1415
   RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2014 be signed as an accurate record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising

   Cllr Sinnott reminded all that those who use Facebook that Whitchurch Town Councillors are not lining their pockets. Cllr Hewson agreed and added that all councillors are voluntary and have no allowances; the only allowance given is for the Mayor to attend functions.

5. Mayor’s Announcements

   None

6. Outstanding Actions

   None

7. Public Participation

   After a proposal by Councillor O’Neill and seconded by Councillor Ebbs WTC/70/1415
   RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders to let the members of the public speak.
   20 members of the public were present.
One resident asked about the decision made on 16th Dec 2014 to approve the Anaerobic Digester (AD) and were the Town Council aware that the change in the planning permission to none food waste could be changed again without any approval needed later if approved. Mayor Hewson informed the resident that Whitchurch Town Council were aware and had objected to it and supported the residents who were against the AD.

Cllr Dakin was asked about his approval of the AD and informed residents that he believed that it would be of great assistance to the town. He informed residents present that if they wanted to discuss it with him then he would meet one at a time anyway they would like to meet. Cllr Dakin was asked for a copy of his speech at the meeting as not all his points could be heard, Cllr Dakin informed residents that they were just notes and bullet points which were destroyed after the meeting.

One resident thanked Cllr Sinnott for all his research into AD and his contribution to the planning committee meeting to object to the AD.

Another resident asked about the Centre North East provision for the youth. In the local paper the Local Joint Committee (LJC) have been given funds to run the youth provision. Cllr Wynn explained that the LJC has a sum of £15,500 to run the service and a meeting had taken place and the building in which the youth have their meetings is going to be kept open and the youth will be able to use a part of it, the other part of the building may be used by a Day Nursery but this has not been finalised.

After a proposal by Councillor O’Neill and seconded by Councillor Chesters WTC/71/1415 RESOLVED to put Standing orders back into place.

8. Minutes from Committees

- CCTV and Christmas Lights committee.

  Cllr Hewson informed all that the Christmas Lights switch on was successful and the next years date would be the 28th Nov 2015. He went on to say that the CCTV cameras were being increased with a grant from West Mercia Police.

- Civic and Markets

  After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Neville WTC/72/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th Dec 2014 be agreed.

- Heritage

  Cllr Duffy informed councillors that the renewal of accreditation of the museum is taking place. Cllr Duffy went on to say that there is concern that historical items handed to the library for the use of residents are being removed and put into archive storage. A meeting on the 8th January with the head of the archives in Shrewsbury is going to take place with the Heritage curator to make arrangements for these items to remain in Whitchurch.

  After a proposal by Councillor O’Neill and seconded by Councillor Stones WTC/73/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December 2014 be agreed.

- Parks

  Cllr O’Neill informed councillors that the Britain in Bloom for Whitchurch will be shelved for the time being; the reason is that some areas in the town are out of the
Town Council’s control and with cut backs by Shropshire Council these area may let the Town Council down.

Cllr Hewson reported that the Newport Road grass area has now been planted out; these have red Rhododendrons, Roses and poppies planted and up the climbing frame will be ‘solider boy’ climbing roses. All this has been done in remembrance of WW1.

Cllr O’Neill informed all the councillors that the parks contract had been awarded to Nobridge Nursery as per the minutes of the Parks committee.

After a proposal by Councillor Hewson and seconded by Councillor Chesters WTC/74 /1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2014 be agreed.

- Finance

Cllr Chesters reminded councillors of item 16 on the minutes concerning the precept and the need to reduce the town councils expenditure to cover Shropshire Council’s withholding from the Town next year of £43k Council Tax subsidy.

After a proposal by Councillor O’Neill and seconded by Councillor Stones WTC/75 /1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December 2014 be agreed.

9. Report from Members on Outside Organisations.

None

10. Skate Park

Cllr Dakin reported that the survey had been completed and now waiting on land and drainage survey which will be available in the New Year.


Cllr Dakin reported that the SAMDev inspection was taking place and reasons for allocations were being sort by the inspector from planners, new sites were discussed. The decision of the inspector will be made in the New Year.

12. WW1

Cllr Ebbs informed councillors that the cabinet in the foyer was going to be made with money from the grant awarded. The money would also be used to provide a WW1 enactment squad which is yet to be organised.

13. Name for Theatre

The name for the Theatre is ‘Whitchurch Civic Theatre’.

14. Civic Centre booking procedure

Cllrs were given the new booking form and the new proposed costings for room hire. The booking forms were acceptable. The new pricing structure was discussed and Cllr Hewson did not agree with the ‘for profit’ prices this will now be discussed at the next Civic & Markets meeting.

15. Correspondence
16. Statement of Accounts

After a proposal by Councillor O’Neill and seconded by Councillor Stones **WTC/76/1415** RESOLVED to accept month 8 accounts.

17. Confidential Business

Separate details in Confidential.

Meeting closed 8:30

Chairman .................................................. Date 15/1/18