MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE
Zoë Dean – Acting Town Clerk
Cllr Gerald Dakin – Shropshire Council
Nicki Young – Community Enablement Officer

1. Apologies
   Cllr Smith – Work commitment
   Cllr Harris – Unwell
   Cllr T. O’Neill – Appointment
   Cllr Rigley – Prior appointment
   Cllr Mcauley – No reason given

2. Declarations of Interest
   None received.

3. Minutes
   After a proposal from Cllr Hewson, seconded by Cllr Neville,
   It was WTC/150/1617 RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held
   on the 19th January 2017 and sign as an accurate record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising
   There were none.

5. Mayor’s Announcements
   There were none. Cllr McDonald noted that January and February had been a
   particularly quiet period.

6. Public Participation
   After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Duffy,
   It was WTC/151/1617 RESOLVED to suspend standing orders.

   Nicki Young noted that a requirement of Sport England was 50% match funding for the
   Skatepark Project. A not for profit organisation has been sought to apply for the funding
   on behalf of the group. The Council made no objections for the application to proceed in
   this manner.

7. Makers Market Presentation
   A presentation was received by Victoria Jackson and Lisa Baldwin on behalf of The
   Makers Market.
   The organisation has won regional and national awards, working in partnership with
   Niche Event Hire to provide a full and complete market set up. The Makers Market is the
largest market of its type in the North West. Events have been proven to bring increased footfall into its market locations. The Makers Market reflect the location they are showcasing, tailoring a market package to suit the area and allowing people to interact with specialists once a month. The organisers hoped to bring fifty market stalls to Whitchurch and to compliment the current offer rather than attempting to compete with it. The first priority would be working with the Farmers' Market and talking to local retailers during a consultation period.

The current Chairman of the Farmers' Market, Tom Morrison, was in support of The Makers Market. He noted that the Makers Market is an amazing event with a strong following and could bring new people from far away into Whitchurch. The Spring Fair would be a good starting point and the Makers Market could provide an excellent platform in which to promote the Civic Centre.

At the end of the presentation there was unanimous support from members.

8. Shropshire Councillor's Report
Cllr Dakin noted that if residents wish to report speeding in the town then they should telephone 101 and report it directly. The matter would be brought forward to the police at the upcoming LJC meeting. The parking signs which had been erected in Tesco car park had been installed without planning consent. Cllr Dakin was to pursue this with the case officer once they had returned from leave. Shropshire Council had raised it precept for the town by 3.99%. The charge for a Band D property is £1,692.48 per annum to include Shropshire Council charges as well as fire service and police costs.

After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Hewson, it was WTC/152/1617 RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders.

9. Correspondence
There was none.

10. Outstanding Council Resolutions
(a) Civic Centre Freehold – ongoing, no other updates.
(b) Skateboard Park – covered under previous item.
(c) Increased Town Centre Signage – ongoing with Whitchurch Town Team.

11. Future Medical Provision
Cllr Duffy noted that all GPs are talking to each other. It was agreed that the Acting Town Clerk would chase the CCG for an updated position from their perspective.

12. Month 10 Accounts
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was WTC/153/1617 RESOLVED to accept the accounts as presented.

13. Minutes from Committees
Heritage Committee 19/01/17 – Cllr Duffy gave an overview of the meeting. The internal alterations were complete and all artefacts are within the Heritage Centre building itself. Cllr Duffy noted that the meeting on 19/01/17 was not quorate.

After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Hewson, it was WTC/154/1617 RESOLVED to accept the minutes from the Heritage Committee meeting held on 19th January 2017.
Strategic Marketing & Events Committee 26/01/17 – Cllr Duffy noted that approval had been sought to book the ABBA Revival Tribute act as well as Jimmy Cricket. After a proposal from Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Neville, It was WTC/155/1617 RESOLVED to accept the minutes from the Strategic Marketing & Events Committee held on 26th January 2017.

Estates, Markets & Public Realm Committee 26/01/17 – Cllr Chesters gave an overview of the meeting were new fold up tables were agreed to be purchased. Cllr Chesters requested a copy of the Fire Risk Assessment Review which had not yet been received. After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Duffy, It was WTC/156/1617 RESOLVED to accept the minutes from the Estates, Markets & Public Realm Committee meeting held on 26th January 2017.

14. Report from members on outside organisations
Cllr Duffy had attended the Patients Group meeting.
Cllr Smith had attended the Samuel Higginson Trust meeting where he was accepted as the new Town Council representative.

15. Pirate Trail
The Acting Town Clerk noted that the Pirate Trail was an item from the Markets & Events Group on which she also sat. The format of the event would be a scarecrow trail for July 2017. The group had requested that the Town Council purchase mini handheld flags for all entrants. After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr McDonald, It was WTC/157/1617 RESOLVED that the flags were within the Acting Town Clerk’s remit to purchase.

16. Elections
The notice of election for all areas is due to be published on Monday 13th March 2017. The deadline for all nominations to be submitted to the returning officer is Tuesday 4th April 2017. The Acting Town Clerk is to keep members informed via email.

17. Terms of Reference
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Hewson, It was WTC/158/1617 RESOLVED to accept the new Terms of Reference in accordance with the report and the noted amendments.

18. Coffee Morning Charges
After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr McDonald, It was WTC/159/1617 RESOLVED to charge £45 for coffee mornings inclusive of VAT.

19. Christmas Lights Provision 2017
It was agreed that the same group would conduct the debrief and carry on for Christmas 2017. It was noted that the Blachere Christmas Lights Competition had opened and Whitchurch had been encouraged to enter again.

20. Banners at the Civic Centre
Banners displayed on the Civic Centre were in breach of the lease. It was noted that the gable end was an alternative for location for banners. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Hewson, It was WTC/160/1617 RESOLVED to remove all of the banners from the front of the Civic Centre.
21. Terms of Reference
Covered under item 17.

22. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Duffy,
It was WTC/161/1617 RESOLVED that, in accordance with the Public Bodies
(Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the following
items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information or staff
matters.

There being further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman

Date 16th March 2017