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

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE
Zoë Dean – Acting Town Clerk
Nicki Young – Community Enablement Officer
Barrie White – Whitchurch Herald

1. Apologies
   Cllr Slater – Work commitment
   Cllr Harris – Unwell
   Cllr O’Neill – Unwell
   Cllr Duffy – Family commitment
   Cllr Hewson – No reason given
   Cllr Rigley – No reason given

2. Declarations of Interest
   None received.

3. Minutes
   After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Neville,
   It was WTC/164/1617 RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held
   on the 16th February 2017 and sign as an accurate record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising
   There were none.

5. Mayor’s Announcements
   Cllr McDonald noted that he had attended the following engagements:
   20/02/17 – Presentation to mark 30 years’ service at Edgeley House Nursing Home
   04/03/17 – Paint the Town Purple, judged best window display
   16/03/17 – Opening of new High Street shop White Wisteria

6. Public Participation
   After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Smith,
   It was WTC/165/1617 RESOLVED to suspend standing orders.
   John Ebbs requested that item 19 be brought forward.
   Mark Whittle, of the Whitchurch Re-enactment Group, spoke about the proposed Re-
   enactment weekend scheduled to take place in August 2017. The event would be for all
   ages and opened by the Mayor of Whitchurch. Ticket prices would be inexpensive i.e. £5
   for adults, £2 for children.
   The group requested a start-up fund of £4,000-5,000, which could be paid back to the
   Council if the event was profitable.
Nicki Young updated the Council that Ramped CIC would be the applicant for the town’s skate-park bid through Sport England. Work would be completed in partnership with the applicant, Shropshire Council and the Town Council. The Town Council was requested to help finance the match funding.

7. Shropshire Councillor’s Report
Cllr Dakin had sent his apologies due to another meeting taking place at the same time. Members were updated that a meeting had been set up between Shropshire Council and Tesco with regards to the signage on the carpark. If members had questions for Cllr Dakin it was noted that he would be pleased to answer them via email. Cllr Sinnott asked for clarification as to whether Town Councillors could attend aforementioned meeting.

After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Smith,
It was WTC/166/1617 RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders.

19. Whitchurch Re-enactment Group
Item brought forward
After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Sinnott,
It was WTC/167/1617 RESOLVED to approve the re-enactment event in August.

After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Smith,
It was WTC/168/1617 RESOLVED that the re-enactment group becomes a self-governing group, separate from the Town Council, but with the full support of the Town Council

Funding the project. Council concurred that further information was required and that this item would be placed on the next Finance & Resources agenda. Council noted that it was in favour of supporting the project, through a loan, subject to financial scrutiny.

8. Correspondence
The thank you letter received from Citizens Advice Bureau was noted.
It was noted that the letter received from Mr Wojda, requesting additional litter bins, had been passed to Shropshire Council whose remit this issue fell under.

9. Outstanding Council Resolutions
(a) Civic Centre Freehold – ongoing, no other updates. The Council requested clarity on this matter.
(b) Skateboard Park – covered under previous item.
(c) Increased Town Centre Signage – ongoing with Whitchurch Town Team.

10. Future Medical Provision
Council noted there had been no further response as yet.

11. Month 11 Accounts
The Chairman of Finance, Cllr Chesters noted that the accounts had been tidied up and there were no concerns.
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Neville,
It was WTC/169/1617 RESOLVED to accept the accounts as presented.

12. Minutes from Committees
Planning Committee 08/03/17 – It was noted that the committee was in favour of knocking down the old Herald Printers building and the plans for the anaerobic digester had changed again.

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After a proposal from Cllr Sinnott, seconded by Cllr Neville, it was WTC/170/1617 RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8th March 2017.

Finance & Resources Committee 09/03/2017 – Cllr Chesters noted that approval of the minutes would include the re-employment of Ellis Whittam’s services. After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was WTC/171/1617 RESOLVED to accept the minutes from the Finance & Resources Committee held on 9th March 2017.

Parks & Open Spaces Committee 09/03/17 – The Chairman of the Parks Committee was not present and the completed minutes had not been circulated. It was agreed to the minutes over to the next meeting.

13. Report from members on outside organisations
Cllr Sinnott had attended the JCEB meeting with private landlords.
Cllr McAuley had attended the Chamber of Trade meeting and the first Whitchurch Soup which had been very well supported. Cllr McAuley also noted that Shropshire Council’s draft economic strategy would be discussed at the meeting on 26/04/17, all members were invited to attend.

14. Elections
The Mayor reminded members that application packs were available for collection from the Acting Town Clerk.

15. Mod Revue Band
Due to a timing issue this item had been brought before Full Council. Cllr Smith noted that this booking would be the fourteenth event on the working group’s programme for the Civic Centre, the cost of the booking would be £600. The Acting Clerk was to clarify when the payment was required.
After a proposal from Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Neville, it was WTC/172/1617 RESOLVED to book the Mod Revue Band for the stated fee.

16. Audit Appointment
An audit report was received.
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Chesters, it was WTC/173/1617 RESOLVED to accept the Audit Report and the recommendations contained within the report.

17. Christmas Lights Provision
Standing item.
It was noted that there was money in the budget to purchase more lights and that any new lights should be purchased earlier this year. Quotations are to include set up and take down charges.

18. Sherrymill Hill Car Park
The Council noted that taking on this land to provide an additional car park for workers was a good idea in principle.
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Sinnott, it was WTC/174/1617 RESOLVED to re-contact Scottish Power in order to progress this matter.
20. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Neville,
It was WTC/175/1617 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.

21. Minutes
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Sinnott,
It was WTC/176/1617 RESOLVED to accept the Confidential Minutes from the meeting
held on 16th February 2017 and sign as an accurate record of that meeting.

22. Recruitment of Town Clerk
The Mayor, Cllr McDonald, congratulated the groups involved and Peter Cooper of LCS
Solutions on their robust work.
Cllr McDonald thanked Zoë Dean, the Acting Town Clerk, for her hard work in the
interim.
After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Smith,
It was WTC/177/1617 RESOLVED to accept the recommendation contained within the
confidential Town Clerk Appointment report.

23. Commissioning
It was the Council’s wish that an invoice be sent to Shropshire Council for 2015/2016 hub
services.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

[Signature]
Chairman

20th April 2017
Date