

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 3rd December 2018 in the Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton at 6.45pm.

Present: Councillor Gary Cooper (Chairman)

Councillors Elwyn R Jones, Rob Dowie, Angela Phillips, Kelly Evans, Nigel Brown, Doreen Mackie, Mike Evans, David Evans, Gillian Brockley, Tom Oldfield, Sean Bibby, Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene FCC) and Aaliyah Rugg (Reporter)

18/083 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Councillors Ron Davies, Steven Davies and Inspector Gareth Cust.

18/084 Declaration made by members in accordance with Councils Code of Conduct:

See 18/091.

18/085 Minutes of Council:

Councillor Rob Dowie asked that it be noted that he was present at the November meeting but name not included in the Minutes – this was agreed.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on 5th November 2018 were then approved as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

18/086 Police Items:

Apologies had been received from Inspector Cust (on course in Cardiff) which had been accepted, and it was hoped the Inspector would be attending the January 2019 meeting.

18/087 Chairman's Remarks:

11th November Attended Remembrance service at CQ Civic centre and parade down to the war memorial. Placed councils wreath on memorial. Attended the dedication of the Victoria Cross Commemorative Stone for Lance Corporal Henry Weale VC 14th Battalion RWF. Welcomed on behalf of Shotton Town Council Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Flintshire Colonel J.C.W. Williams MC DL honoured guests and fellow councillors. Read to parade Lance Corporal Henry Weale VC Citation. Placed Councils wreath at Henry Weale VC Memorial Garden in Shotton.

12th November 1030 Attended the commemorative service at the Shotton and Connahs Quay war memorial held to commemorate the Centenary of the ending of the 1st World War. Taking part were children from local schools who placed specially made poppies with the names of the service personnel, who had lost their lives in the service of their country. Each poppy scribed with every name off the war memorial.

Friday 1900 31st November Attended the "birthday celebrations" of the Wales Fair Trade at River Town URC Mayor of Mold Cllr. Karen Hodgkinson and Cllr. Elwyn Jones present too.

18/088 Streetscene:

Mr Wayne Jones was welcomed to the meeting and informed members the following:

- Central Drive play area piece of equipment has been removed and was being replaced this week. 33 Club field PSPO signs had been vandalised but have been cleaned and were being replaced.
- Hedge Aston Road – legal notice has been served.
- Cameras – legal process

Members raised the following issues with Mr Jones:

- Possibility of footway being jet washed (B&M) where people had been vomiting – being addressed.
- Recycling Educational Packs – member was advised to ring Mr Jones the following morning regarding these packs (Enforcement)
- Members thanked Mr Jones for dealing with fly tipping in Shotton areas, ongoing problem not getting any better, Sub way Chester Road East / West had been washed.
- Speed Check – Members were concerned with email on speed checks in various streets in Shotton. Question was asked if 20mph on all streets could be introduced – very strict criteria, unlikely to get change. 20mph only by schools and speeding issues have to be over 85% before anything can be done. North Street ward member not happy with survey Parking on various streets reduces speed of vehicles?, Member stated that this issue will continue while the main road (B5129) is always congested and until the problem on this road is eased (new relief road needed to ease congestion) vehicles will continue to use the streets in Higher and East ward of Shotton as a "rat run" to avoid the problem. This issue seriously needs looking into in the New Year.
- Concerns about the amount of dog fouling on 33 Club field was raised and the Councils County Councillor advised residents they need to report to Enforcement every time they see this happening, the need to build up data (all calls are anonymous so people need not be afraid of calling). Shotton is the area with the most reported concerns to enforcement.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jones for attending the meeting.

18/089 Clerks Report:

- Members had received the speed survey via email.
- Town & Community Event has been postponed and will take place on 11TH January 2019 10am – 1pm and again at Bodelwyddan Community Centre.
- Information relating to a number of service moves taking place Flintshire County Council will be moving from County Hall into Ty Dewi Sant, St David's Park Ewloe CH5 3XT. Email addresses and contact telephone numbers for all services and individuals remain unchanged.
- Christmas Trees were up and working, very pleased with them.

The Clerk wished all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

18/090 Planning Applications:

The attached list of Councils observations on Planning Applications discussed this evening had been forwarded to the Chief Planning Officer to report to the next Planning Committee Meeting.

8/091 Late Financial Assistance Applications:

The Clerk advised that there was £300 in the precept remaining for any late financial assistance applications. It was RESOLVED that 1st Shotton Brownies & 1st Shotton Guides receive £50.00, St Ethelwolds Primary School £100.00, and CAB £50.00 this was proposed seconded and agreed by all members present. Councillor Gary Cooper declared interest in the application from St Ethelwolds as he is the LA Governor at the school and took no part in the discussion or decision on this application.

18/092 Lighting:

- a) **Manweb** – None to report.
- b) **General** – Clerk advised that she had reported list of lighting faults to FCC and HCC to be dealt with by the lighting officers. Concerns regarding the time scale on repairs to the lights by ASDA. Cllr Mike Evans remarked that the lack of lighting in question by ASDA as “Muggers Alley” this comment was challenged by Cllr David Evans as a very inappropriate comment, to which Cllr Mike Evans withdrew his comment. It was agreed that this council continue to contact persistently FCC on the time scale of this matter.

18/093 Accounts for Payment:

The accounts in the sum of **£12937.44** were before council that evening for approval. a) It was RESOLVED that the accounts in the sum of **£12937.44** be approved and payments made.

18/094 Update by delegates serving on Outside Bodies:

Member reported on two matters 1) Deeside Community Arts had disbanded. 2) Lunch time drop in event ‘your say on the Shotton Clock Tower’ will take place 10th December between 12noon and 4pm at Sealand Youth Centre, Sandy Lane, Garden City. All members invited to go along.

18/095 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 3rd December 2018 commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.25pm.

The Chairman wished all Councillors and members of the public a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Chairman's Signature
Councillor Gary Cooper