

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 7th January 2019 in the Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton at 6.45pm.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman wished all present a very Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Present: Councillor Gary Cooper (Chairman)

Councillors Elwyn R Jones, Ron Davies, Steven Davies, Angela Phillips, David Evans, Sean Bibby, Mike Evans, Kelly Evans, Doreen Mackie, Inspector Gareth Cust, Aaliyah Rugg (Flintshire reporter) and Mr Wayne Jones (FCC Streetscene)

18/096 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Tom Oldfield and Nigel Brown.

18/097 Declaration made by members in accordance with Councils Code of Conduct:

None to report.

18/098 Minutes of Council:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 3rd December 2018 were approved as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that Police Items be discussed before Chairman's Remarks.

18/099 Police Items:

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Gareth Cust to the meeting and he thanked the Chairman for the invitation. Inspector Cust gave an outline of the area he is responsible for in terms of Policing. Gronant in the West to the Cheshire Boarder at Shotwick lights.

The Inspector outlined and discussed the following:

- The Inspector outlined his previous meeting with the Chairman Councillor Gary Cooper and Shotton Town Councils request for an input on County lines in the area.

- Discussed an overview of the business model that the criminal gangs use and discussed their setting up of phone line (mobile phones) in order to communicate with other gang members in provincial towns.
- Talked about the gangs targeting Children and grooming them into the gangs through use of incentives.
- Described how the gangs will use local vulnerable persons in the Community in a process called “Cuckooing”. This is where the gang members will take over a person’s house and use to operate their business from.
- Talked of the vulnerability of the rail network to be used by these gangs. (responsibility) of Rail Network Transport Police.
- The Inspector was thanked by members and took some questions from members regarding his presentation.
- The Inspector took further general questions from members regarding the use of the 101 system opposed to online reporting and discussed local ASB and dispersal orders.
- The Inspector thanked members and public for their time and extended an offer to visit again.

Feedback important. Inspector to send email of any updates and briefings to the Clerk so that she could forward onto members. Also, members could, through the Clerk report problems to be forwarded onto the Inspector.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Cust for his presentation and hoped when available he or one of his officers could attend future meetings on a regular basis.

18/100 Chairman’s Remarks:

The Chairman Councillor Gary Cooper informed members of duties carried out during December. Switched on Christmas Tree Lights at the Melrose Inn. Invited to take refreshments and listen to the Broughton Singers. A Christmas float complete with "Father Christmas" had toured the local area and all donations received would be donated to Deeside Hospital League of Friends by Cllr. Kelly Evans. Personnel thanks to "Team Kelly" for organising this annual event.

7th December Attended the Deeside Hospital League of Friends Christmas Concert at the Buckley Cross Methodist Church.

18/101 Streetscene:

Mr Wayne Jones was welcomed to the meeting, and he wished all present a very Happy New Year. Mr Jones made note and commented on the following issues raised by members.

- ASDA lights – this issue – moving forward.
- Column number 6 on the Cattlebridge cover missing – Action: Clerk to report.
- Extra litter bin requested Central Drive (by shops) excessive litter around this area – noted.

- Fly tipping – member reported that she had had a good response from residents after giving them information regarding the recycling schedules.
- Cameras – Fly tipping – Mr Jones reported that the legal issues with RIPPR & GDPR have been resolved and model of camera suggested to be suitable are currently being looked at by FCC's IT department for compatibility with County's software, this would take a few weeks, if no issues they could be ordered and installed. Member asked what type of cameras would be used, Mr Jones informed they would be "Metal Mickey" and would be mounted on columns.
- Dog fouling still a big issue on 33 Club field and also an issue on Central Drive. Mr Jones confirmed that enforcement officer had been appointed and were in and around the Shotton area.
- Member thanked Mr Jones and Streetscene for everything done over the Christmas period and for dealing with the shortcut through to ASDA.

Door knocking exercise with enforcement, recycling and area officer targeting worst affected areas in Shotton would be undertaken.

18/102 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk informed members of the following:

- Letters of thanks from Ysgol Ty Ffynnon, Manley Court Tenants Association, Plymouth Street Friday Club, CAB and St Ethelwold's Church in Wales Aided Primary School had been received regarding financial assistance donations given to them by Council.
- The next County Forum meeting will take place on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 6.30pm – 8.30pm Town Council Offices, Quay Building, Fron Road, Connah's Quay. Any suggestions around agenda items to be forwarded to Sam Perry by 19th January 2019 to enable her to finalise the agenda prior to circulation.
- Meeting North Wales Association will be hosted by Llandudno Town Council at 10.30am on Friday 18th January 2019 at Coleg Llandrillo, Llandudno Road, Rhos on Sea.
- FLVC newsletter available for member's perusal.

18/103 Planning Applications:

The attached list of observations made by Shotton Town Council would be sent to the chief planning officer to be reported to the next planning committee meeting.

18/104 Lighting:

- Manweb – none to report
- General – lighting faults had already been received and reported to the relevant lighting authority.

18/105 Accounts for Payment:

The accounts in the sum of **£4731.29** were before council that evening for approval. It was RESOLVED that the accounts in the sum of **£4731.29** be approved and payments made.

18/106 Members Information:

None reported.

18/107 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.45pm.