

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on **MONDAY 1st APRIL 2019** at 6.45pm in the Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton.

Present: Councillor Gary Cooper (Chairman)

Councillors Elwyn R Jones, David Evans, Sean Bibby, Gillian Brockley, Doreen Mackie, Angela Phillips, Nigel Brown, Mike Evans, Kelly Evans, Tom Oldfield, Ron Davies, Steven Davies, Mr Kevin Crumplin (Enforcement FCC), Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene FCC) and Aaliyah Rugg (The Leader reporter).

18/134 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Inspector Gareth Cust.

18/135 Declaration made by members in accordance with Councils Code of Conduct:

None were reported.

At this point the Chairman asked all members present to introduce themselves to the members of the public at this meeting.

18/136 Minutes of Council:

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 4th March 2019 were approved as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

18/137 Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman informed members that on 6th March he visited Ysgol Croes Atti with Maiwenn Berry, Development Officer Menter Laith Fflint & Wreccsam and the Vice Chair Councillor Gillian Brockley then onto Shotton High Street with five pupils from Ysgol Croes Atti to judge shop window display of celebration of St David's Day, pupils so enthusiastic and observant. Children decided the results as follows 1st Al's Toy Bard, 2nd Cancer Research 3rd K.K. Hair and beauty. Special thank you to Aaliyah for her coverage of this event. I have been invited along with the Vice Chair Councillor Gillian Brockley by Ysgol Croes Atti pupils to judge their Easter Bonnet competition, and will report on this at next month's meeting. Disappointed that I had to turn down

a similar invite from The Croft Nursery School, Larch Avenue, same day and time thank you to Councillor Kelly Evans for the invite.

Also on the 6th March at 12.30 was interviewed by ITN news at the Shotton and Connahs Quay War Memorial along with the Vice Chair Councillor Gillian Brockley to comment on the graffiti attack on the War Memorial, which had been daubed with a swastika. Company called Graffiti Busters had notified Connah's Quay Council clerk that they would do the clean up free of charge. The war memorial has been cleaned this morning (1st April) and jet washed an excellent job done by Graffiti Busters.

18/138 White Ribbon:

The Chairman welcomed Aaliyah Rugg (White Ribbon Champion) to address Council on this campaign aiming to end male violence against women once and for all. (see attached information)

It was before Council to consider accreditation, costing? Members asked various questions which Aaliyah answered. One member reiterated his comment from last month regarding councils Standing Orders, flood gate open to all outside bodies with regard to assistance. Clarification needed, this was not financial assistance it was a membership/affiliation if Shotton Town Council wished to become accredited.

It was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed that Shotton Town Council give support to the White Ribbon campaign.

The Chairman thanked Aaliyah for her presentation. It was also agreed that this item remain as an agenda Item for next month's meeting.

18/139 Police Items:

Apologies had been received and accepted from Inspector Gareth Cust. The following matters would be reported to the Inspector.

- Cycling on the pavements still a major problem. The "law" needs to be enforced.
- Clarification on the number of PCSO's in Shotton? Cllr Bibby informed members that there was only one covering the area. Member also asked if 'specials' could be re introduced as they have the power to arrest/book where PCSO's don't?
- Higher Shotton Member reported that two men in vehicle were knocking doors (member thinks to see if anyone at home possibility to burgle homes) this is only happening in the Higher Shotton area.
- Increase in drinking still in Charmley's Lane and also grass verge North Street adjacent to Allans Close. Request for more patrols.
- Member advised that he had attended meeting with regard to the proposed new Bus / cycle lands. He supported the bus lanes but felt the council were accommodating ARRIVA but they are not helping the people (cutting back / reducing bus routes 12 & 13 especially).

All the above would be reported to the Inspector. The Clerk had been asked by the Inspector to reiterate that any issues/incidents to be reported as and when it happens dial 101 and report. Please do not leave until council meeting which could be three weeks away.

18/140 Streetscene:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene officer FCC) and Mr Kevin Crumplin (Enforcement Officer FCC) to the meeting.

Mr Jones advised fly tipping was still an issue and that it was a problem throughout Flintshire not just Shotton. Cameras are on order, continuing to get all legal requirements in place.

Mr Kevin Crumplin said he was aware of issues on 33 Club field, three tickets issued, 7 PSPO officers out and about. Officers also attending Central Drive where there is also an issue with dog fouling. Officers need to be visible as other jobs undertaken throughout their shift. Request for officer to have discretion – noted.

Green Bags issue (Mr Jones had made note of comments made)

Clothes Banks being targeted again bags being ripped open and rummaged through. Mr Jones commented again that this is happening throughout Flintshire.

He also advised that there are 40 open spaces to be covered daily in his area remit alone Shotton, Connah's Quay and Sealand.

The Chairman thanked both officers for attending the meeting.

At this point it was agreed for Planning Applications to be discussed.

18/141 Planning Applications:

The attached list of observations made by Shotton Town Council would be forwarded to the Chief Planning Officer to report to the next Planning Committee Meeting.

Also, member asked for support for a letter to go to Mr Farrow expressing concerns about the disappointment that the Council's views on planning applications are not taken into serious account. There was one application which the council objected to but had been passed at the Planning Committee meeting. Also, the fencing around the former Shotton Lane Social Club site was supposed to have been removed. Question to be asked what are the reasons that it is still in place.

At this point 7.30pm Councillors Ron Davies, Steven Davies, Sean Bibby and David Evans left the meeting.

18/142 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk advised that her report was brief and she had sent email out to all members regarding CAF – Sleep out fundraising event.

Letter of thanks from Aston Centre, Shotton for the financial assistance received.

All police matters from last month had been reported to the inspector how has passed onto Bethan Pritchard his Deeside Neighbourhoods Sgt. to look into.

18/143 Lighting:

a)**Manweb** – Clerk advised that there was a Scottish Power fault on four columns by the Leisure Centre which FCC requested urgent attention.

b) **General** - None to report. Clerk advised the column between 34 – 38 King Edwards Street had been repaired.

18/144 Accounts for Payment:

The Accounts in the sum of £3174.27 (March year end) and April £ (new financial year)were before council that evening for approval. It was RESOLVED that the accounts be approved and payments made.

18/145 Members Information:

Member requested of the Councils County Council representatives on Planning. If site meetings called the ward members be made aware of date and time so if they wished to attend they were aware.

18/146 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on 1st April 2019 commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.50pm.