

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 4th November 2019, at 6.45pm in Room 32, Deeside Enterprise Centre, Rowley's Drive, Shotton.

Present: Councillor Gillian Brockley (chair)

Councillors S Bibby, Doreen Mackie, N Brown, Ron Davies, Kelly Evans-Brown, Angela Phillips, Gary Cooper, M Evans, D Evans, Aaliyah Rugg (reporter), and Mr Wayne Jones (FCC Streetscene).

19/070 Apologies:

Apologies had been received and accepted by Council from Councillors E R Jones, R Dowie, S Davies and Tom Oldfield.

19/071 Declaration made by members in accordance with councils Code of Conduct:

Councillor Gary Cooper declared interest on Ysgol Ty Ffynnon and St Ethelwold's Primary School
Councillor Sean Bibby declared interest on Ysgol Ty Ffynnon.

Both relating to Financial Assistance agenda item number 9.

19/072 Minutes of Council:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 4th November 2019 were approved as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Gillian Brockley).

19/073 Chair's Remarks:

The Chair Councillor Gillian Brockley informed members of the following:

- Attended the opening of K9 Heaven – Invitation received to all members Councillor Sean Bibby also attended. The Chair welcomed the addition of another premises opening in the town.
- Attended the Civic Service of the Chairman Cllr. Ian Smith of Connah's Quay Town Council – good to show support.

- Follow-up – cycling committee meeting. Inspector not available till after 11th November to discuss dates of next meeting.
- Clerk to contact Parc Adfer for date to attend photo shoot at North Street regarding their funding for the new roundabout which has been installed.
- Attended briefing meeting at Care and Repair, Rowleys Drive on 4th November 2019 (prior to council meeting) very interesting thanked members also who attended and asked the Clerk to send message of thanks to Wendy Bowden and Mike Taylor for presentation, tea and sandwiches.

19/074 Police Items:

The inspector was unavailable until after 11th November 2019 and the following comments would be sent to him:

- Rough sleepers – residents feel unsafe, drinking on the street and human waste which was having to be cleaned daily by Streetscene workers, totally disgusting and disgraceful. More police presence (on foot, visible) may help with some of the situations in the town. Member said it's got to be recognised there's been massive cuts to the police, if you haven't got the money you can't put the police on the beat. Another member said past and future inspectors all say the same thing regarding the lack of funding, nobody gives us councillors an easy time, we have to start saying it's not good enough, more police presence will make a difference. Councillor Mackie said its eleven years we have been asking for visible presence in Shotton. Councillor Phillips added it doesn't matter how strong we speak nothing can be done until more funding is invested in the police force.
- Feedback from residents Salisbury Street – issues quietening down – monitoring Anti social behaviour.
- Very positive feedback on the Section 60 which the Inspector had authorised (email from inspector Cust had been sent to all members for information)

19/075 Streetscene:

The Chair welcomed Mr Wayne Jones to the meeting and he reported to members:

- The hedge had been cut back on the waste land by ASDA
- Clothes bank awaiting removal.
- Garages Clwyd Street – had been cleared but oil on surface which will be removed.

Members raised the following which Wayne would deal with:

- Hedge needs cutting back by the telegraph pole Central Drive.
- Hedge at the junction Shotton Lane needs cutting.
- Ash Waste bins – still problem – Kevin Crumplin has spoken to shop owners this is ongoing, enforcement dealing with the problem, evidence found and enforcement on top of the problem.

- Dog fouling on pavements going worse, Butler Street alleyway also problem could the camera in this area pick up offenders. Problem always gets worse now clocks have gone back; it's a problem throughout Flintshire.
- Update on path from Dee View down towards the old school, very dark, people use this footpath to go to the new centre. Wayne would speak to Education as the path is on their property.
- Member thanked Streetscene for the camera installed Salisbury Street.
- Councillor D Evans advised Council that he along with Cllr S Bibby, Streetscene and Network rail had had a site meeting regarding securing the adjoining fencing (top) by the Brambles. Hopefully work would commence 11th November 2019.

Cllr Ron Davies thanked Wayne and his street scene workers for dealing with dog fouling on the footpath from the Community Hospital down to the school (St. Ethelwold's). Dog signs had been put up and area cleaned.

19/076 Clerk's Report:

Clerk reported the following:

- Clerk advised that she had spoken to two people in the planning policy office for voting protocol. They advised that representation made individually would count as 1. If a petition was presented (1 -100) the first name on the petition would be contacted if examination, this person would be notified. If it was a valid planning issue 1 or 400 it would count as 1. This was said by Councillor Oldfield at the last meeting. (He reported from meeting which he had attended at County Hall).
- Invitation to all members of Council from Connah's Quay and Shotton Interservices 10th November (Sunday) assemble 9.30 in Civic Hall service commences 10.00am. Monday 11th November 10.50am at the War memorial. Special service involving schools, organisations and public from Connah's Quay and Shotton.
- Cllr Elwyn Jones had given his apologies and said he would like Shotton Town Council to object to the Plough Lane Link Road in the LDP as it would be Detrimental to peoples enjoyment of this area which has been designated an area of peace and tranquillity with Wepre Park, it would also be detrimental to protected species in the area. Also he would support the green Barrier Designation for land adjoining Wepre brook and Killins Lane that is proposed in the LDP. It was proposed seconded and agreed that Shotton Town Council support Councillor Elwyn Jones proposals and the Clerk would contact the LDP office with the proposals before 11th November 2019.
- Members had received email of Section 60 authorisation from the Inspector.
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual report consultation – if any members wished to receive a copy the Clerk would forward the email received.

- Enhanced enforcement present within the community paid for by the Community / Town Councils. Shotton Town Council re confirmed that they do not wish to take up this offer.
- Aston Park Rangers FC – application and insurance details had been received – Clerk to contact Darren Clements for clarification on the Tuesday & Thursday dates. Need football fixtures Clerk and Councillor M Evans advised that the league only give one week's league fixtures out.
- Hopefully Christmas trees will be up and on by weekend 30th November 2019.

19/077 Planning Applications:

The attached list of observations made by Shotton Town Council had been sent to the Chief Planning Officer to report to the next Planning Committee Meeting.

19/078 Financial Assistance Applications:

Section 137 of the Local Government act 1972 enables local councils to make payments to various (local) organisations for the benefit of the people in the area on activities or projects not specifically by other powers. Also, the Councils agreement that grants should be confirmed to organisations within the Shotton area.

List of all Financial Assistance application had been sent to all members with agendas and the following payments were agreed.

Aston Senior Citizens	£200
Manley Court Tenants Association	£150
Plymouth Street Friday Club	£100
St Ethelwolds Church in Wales Aided Primary School	£200

Ysgol Ty Ffynnon (Eco committee) Council happy to support. Clerk to contact school to find out how much is needed. Before council December for Financial support.

Nightingale House Hospice, RSPCA Wrexham & Deeside Branch and Deeside Synchro Club all outside bodies therefore applications received but not discussed.

19/079 Lighting:

a)Manweb – None to report

b)General – Butler Street / Strickland Street (where old shop was) still out.

Member asked for thanks to be sent to lighting team only one column out in Shotton very very impressed.

19/080 Accounts for Payment:

The accounts for payment were before council this evening (4th November 2019) it was RESOLVED that the accounts before council that evening be authorised and payments made.

19/081 Members Information:

Member asked if it would be possible to discuss the proposed new bus lane through to Shotton Lane, although it wasn't an agenda item short discussion took place, some members were not in favour and consider the project a total waste of public money.

Reminder to anyone interested 11th November 2019 - Sleigh committee meeting to discuss further plans for Santa sleigh around the streets Shotton higher ward which is on 18th December 2019. Raffle prizes welcome.

Member asked if the Clerk had received any further correspondence from Jack Sargeant AM regarding the Red Route A494. Clerk advised she was still awaiting reply from the AM.

Cllr Gary Cooper made apologies for the Interservices invitation as he would be taking the service at his church the Highway Methodist Church Ewloe on that morning.

19/082 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.52pm

Chair Signature
Councillor Gillian Brockley