

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 6th January 2020 at 6.45pm in the Gloucester Room, Deeside Enterprise Centre, Rowleys Drive, Shotton.

Present: Councillor Gillian Brockley (Chair)

Councillors Sean Bibby, Doreen Mackie, Rob Dowie, Elwyn R Jones, Ron Davies, Steven Davies, Angela Phillips, Kelly Evans-Brown, Nigel Brown, Gary Cooper, Tom Oldfield, David Evans, Mike Evans, Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene FCC) Aaliyah Rugg and Sophie Edwards (reporters Flintshire Leader)

19/096 Apologies:

None to report full Council.

19/097 Declaration made by members in accordance with Councils Code of Conduct:

None reported.

19/098 Minutes of Council:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 2nd December 2019 were approved as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Gillian Brockley).

19/099 Chair's Remarks:

The Chair advised very quiet month, but had attended meeting prior to Council meeting this evening with other members of council at Hawarden Community Council offices to discuss the Independent review of salaries.

19/100 Police Items:

There was no police presence and the following would be reported to the inspector.

Councillors still concerned that matters reported, not getting response from police, need time scale on matters reported and response given.

- Bikes still on Higher Shotton estate – Member has reported this matter getting worse, they are riding with no lights or Helmets. Dark nights making it a danger.
- Graffiti on – changing rooms on 33 Club and residents fence. Clerk and member had made enquiries as to who the person was who was being dropped off to paint over graffiti. Police were unaware of this matter. Clerk to look into cost of purchasing Anti graffiti paint. (ensure non hazardous chemicals in paint).
- Member reported that although the old Summerfield car park was not in Shotton, it still affected residents in Brook Road. The concern was people lighting fires on the car park, dangerous. This matter was being reported. Mr Wayne Jones said he would take a look after the meeting.
- White van selling clothes – member reported to police on behalf of resident but was informed that the person witnessing this must dial 101 and report cannot be done by a third party. Members said residents come to councillors for help and we do things on behalf of them, can't see what the problem is. Police need to accept councillor's action on behalf of residents. Also, councillor's duty to report to the appropriate authority anything which is reported to them by their constituents, police need to listen. Concerns reported by councillors need to make sure details are true.

19/101 Streetscene:

The Chair welcomed Mr Wayne Jones to the meeting; he wished all present a Very Happy New Year, members raised the following with Mr Jones.

- Clothes Bank – the clothes bank is back in Charmley's Lane causing problems again. Wayne advised the clothes bank would be removed a.s.a.p. He would let member know when removed. Also reported the underpass had been cleaned.
- Sandown Road builders bags present in this area – Wayne advised they were housing builders bags (FCC). Any further new on the footpath on Education Ground Dee View Road – would be cleaned over the next two weeks.
- Ash Waste skips still causing problem Victoria Road rear access. Wayne advised the skip would be going, enforcement have dealt with this problem. Fly tipping also very bad – enforcement dealing with this matter.
- Question regarding charity bags – are they exempt from being classed as fly tipping? Wayne would look into this and advise the Clerk.
- Request for recycling bags for the flat above Hendy's pub – Wayne advised person to get in touch with the contact centre, Wayne would also make enquiries.
- Waste bins, human excrement, member has sent photos to Environmental health this is a health hazard – police should enforce vagrancy act.
- Homeless people any further update? Member advised that the centre opposite the Leisure Centre, Queensferry was going to be opened for homeless people to sleep. It would open when all the necessary requirements have been completed (planning permission etc) Centre would be permanently open. Member hoped these people would use the facilities but felt they would not as they don't want too. Another member said he was very disappointed and that it is not for Flintshire County Council to be borne with this problem, sign of the times.
- Member requested that a letter be sent to the Public Health Authority with regard to the serious problem of human excrement in the Shotton area, a problem which we should not have to tolerate. Clerk to write to Public Health Authority regarding this matter. Mr Jones advised that Shotton was not the only area having to deal with this problem. This is a health hazard and people should not act outside the laws.
- Question asked about the public toilets which had been demolished in Shotton. Clerk advised that they were demolished for the safety and health of the general public. Toilets were being abused. (drug dealings, drug abuse and there had been an attack on person, besides other issues).

19/102 Clerk's Report:

Clerk reported on the following:

- Information has been sent to all members by email regarding 1) next meeting North and Mid Wales association of Local Councils to be held 17th January at Rhyl. 2) Community Town Councils – Owl Cymru services Support Flintshire. Received.
- Correspondence – Financial Assistance from Nightingale House Hospice – Our pilot community clinics operate in Mold and Chirk and we hope to expand these over the next two years. For many years, we had an active community support group in Shotton and hope to start another during 2020. Clerk advised that if group comes into Shotton they could be considered for Financial Assistance.
- FLVC newsletter available for members perusal.
- Letter of thanks from Manley Court Tenants association and Plymouth street Friday Club for Financial Assistance received from Council.
- Late Financial Assistance application from Deeside Handicapped Swimming Club – Clerk advised that this Council has given £50 to this application. It was proposed seconded and agreed by full council that £50 be given to this application.

19/103 Planning Applications:

There were no planning applications for discussion. Clerk advised that application 060238 Suzie's Hand Car wash – Appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of this application. The appeal follows the refusal of planning permission by Flintshire County Council's planning committee. Planning

Application 060271 Change of use from Retail store (A1) to Hot food cafe and bar(A3) 23-25 Chester Road west Approved.

19/104 Lighting:

- a) **Manweb** – None to report.
- b) **General** – Lighting column outside No. 9 Taylors View – head missing.
Lighting column – Brook Road out (FCC)
Lighting column outside Iceland head missing (FCC)

Member advised that he was very impressed with the new LED lighting heads which are replacing the old type heads. Clerk advised that this was a rolling programme to replace all the yellow heads with the new LED ones.

19/105 Accounts for Payment:

The accounts for payment were before council that evening for approval. It was RESOLVED that the accounts before council be approved and payments made.

19/106 Members Information:

Member advised that the Christmas sleigh evening went very well £130 made, the Clerk switched on the tree lights this year. Clerk said it was an honour. Tree had been knocked down and all light broken, tree would be removed this week.

19/107 duration of Meeting:

The ordinary meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.20pm.

Chair's signature
Councillor Gillian Brockley