

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on 3rd February 2020, at 6.45pm in Room 32, Deeside Enterprise Centre, Rowleys Drive, Shotton.

Present Councillor Gillian Brockley (Chair)

Councillors S Bibby, Doreen Mackie, E R Jones, R Dowie, R Davies, Kelly Evans-Brown, Angela Phillips, G Cooper, D Evans, M Evans, T Oldfield, Aaliyan Rugg (Reporter), and Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene FCC)

19/108 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted. Apologies from Councillors Steven Davies and Nigel Brown.

19/109 Declaration made by members in accordance with Councils Code of Conduct:

None reported.

19/110 Minutes of Council:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 6th January 2020, were approved as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Gillian Brockley)

19/111 Chair's Remarks:

The Chair advised it had been a quiet month, she was hopefully organising a follow on meeting with the Inspector regarding the concerns cycling on pavements, homeless people and drug issues.

19/112 Police Items:

No apologies or police presence at the meeting. The following would be reported to the inspector.

- Concerns still about quad bikes Central Drive / Clwyd Street, also motorbike Shotton Lane, concerns that someone is going to be badly hurt, request for police patrols.
- Cycling on pavements concerns some riding three abreast on pavements, something needs to be done. Member said it is not children it is adults.
- Concerns about gangs of youths terrorising shops in the Town (Boots, Bookies, and Harry Weale Memorial Garden) Member said he would be very disappointed if these shops had not reported to the police. Police need to be notified of these gangs if seen. Also, member noticed gangs on platform (Bidston to Wrexham line) Anti social behaviour possible drug exchange. Member said these need to be reported to the British Transport Police. Clerk to write to British Transport Police with these concerns.
- Councillor Bibby reported that he and Councillor D Evans had attended a meeting with Inspector Cust and the Police and Crime Commissioner Arfon Jones. (see attached summary off Cllr Bibby)
- Cllr Bibby was thanked for his report. Member wished it to be recorded that he was very disappointed that there was again no police presence at the meeting (Cllr R Dowie).

- Shotton High level platform – anti social behaviour (spitting, swearing, littering and smoking) need for British Transport Police to monitor.
- Question asked by member does the Inspector receive or be invited to the council meetings. Member advised that the Clerk sends to the police invitation to the meeting with agenda and minutes.
- Parking issue – Clarence Street / Butler Street / Henrietta Street and Shotton Lane between 4.30 / 6pm parking on pavements, need for another survey? Member advised that this has been a problem for years, streets are narrow and owners have no other place to park, parking in this manner is to allow emergency services to get through. Member said Flintshire County Council did take powers on for their enforcement officers to regulate parking on pavements but it remains a policing issue.
- Concerns about the homeless person who seems to be resident in the doorway of the Crystal Bingo. More concerns about human excrement and urine in the alleyway. This is not acceptable enforcement by the Public Health Authority is needed. It was noted that FCC Streetscene workers have to clean up the area daily.
- Concerns about incident on 28th January where masked person intimidated people in the kebab shop and the Clwyd Hotel, police called but still disturbing for residents.

All above issues would be reported to the police.

19/113 Streetscene (Mr Wayne Jones FCC)

Mr Jones was welcomed to the meeting and he reported not much going on, aware of damaged railing by WetherSpoons, clothes banks now gone. Members raised the following with Mr Jones.

- Concerns person/s urinating in street top Clwyd Street, Wayne asked member to find out times? Also, lighting columns top Clwyd Street very dull; Clerk to ask the lighting officer to look at this.
- Potholes Plymouth Street / Woodlands Street and Ash Waste skip gone. Does Martin Farr have any further information – enforcement issue – Wayne to look into?
- Member informed councillors that works on the new bus lane on the B5129 between Queensferry and Shotton will start April for 10 weeks, it is hoped for a continuous flow of traffic, Officer would be on site throughout the works and there also to receive any complaints.
- Pothole holes Junction Central Drive/Shotton Lane (ticket raised), black bins fly tipping. New recycling bags can be obtained from the Connect office Wepre Drive.
- Member thanked Wayne and the two Streetscene workers for all work being done to keep Shotton clean, however dog fouling still an issue – Wayne asked members for times – then maybe enforcement can look at this issue.
- Broken glass in the memorial garden, these vandals have no respect. Need to report to police any incidents.
- Member thanked Wayne for getting path cleaned Dee View onto old Aston school site. Member asked if path could be jet washed footpath – covered in moss and slippy.

The Chair thanked Wayne for attending the meeting.

19/114 Clerks Report:

The Clerk informed members of the following:

- Clerk reported correspondence which had been received from resident with concerns about cycling on the pavements.
- Quote for supply of Graffiti paint – need to measure building to find required amount. Clerk thanked Cllr M Evans for his assistance on this matter.
- 2pm Wednesday 5th February 2020 Meeting at the Kathleen and May Heritage Centre, Dock Road CQ. 160 years on. (The Royal Charter disaster etc.). Invitation to any member who wish to attend. Correspondence from Mr Mike Taylor – requesting financial assistance of £500 towards works they are doing in Dee Park and also 20 trees in 2020 project. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Taylor advising him to apply in November 2020, as all funding had been allocated.

- Riverside Memories booklet available to purchase £2.00 if any member wanted one.
- Wales Air Ambulance Charity Annual Review available for member's perusal.

19/115 Planning Applications:

There were none before council that evening for observations. Member advised that the Tewbrook Cottage application had been refused. 26 Queensway – Councils county councillor Sean Bibby would make any comment on this application to the planning officer.

19/116 Predicted Budget and Precept Figures 2020 / 2021:

The proposed predicted budget and precept figures for 2020 / 2021 had been sent out with agendas. Cllr. G Cooper (member finance committee) advised that the Sub-Finance committee had gone through the figures which had been prepared by the Clerk and he proposed that the Precept be approved this was seconded. Before voting two questions were asked about Direct Maintenance and summer play scheme which the Clerk explained and explanation accepted. Amended figure to read £111,732.00 (on notes was £11732.00) moved and accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** the predicted budget and precept figures for 2020/2021 be accepted this was unanimously agreed by all members present and the Clerk forward the precept figure for 2020/2021 of **£111,732.00** to Flintshire County Council Financial department.

Councillor Cooper wished it to be recorded his thanks to the Clerk for once again presenting another hard but acceptable budget for this council.

19/117 Lighting:

a) **Manweb** – None to report.

b) **General** - Grosvenor Road bulb head very dull – STC

Iceland column out, PSR Solicitors no head, green column adjacent to Brook Road and main road no head (Clerk would report these to FCC as they are their columns)

19/118 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 be made.

19/118 Members Information:

Councillor G Cooper (Councils Rep. on Community Liaison committee) gave a report on Parc Adfer, members asked if he could arrange a visit for councillors to go and see plant in full operation.

Ysgol Ty Ffynnon had been moved up to the higher status of GREEN (green category reserved for the best performing schools).

Walk from Holyhead to Deeside 87 miles in aid of prostate cancer excellent achievement, community support. Letter from Council congratulating these people.

Mike Taylor 26th February 6pm Dee Park Community Event.

Homeless people Glan yr Avon – planning approved and will be open full time – staffing etc being organised.

Councillor Doreen Mackie informed members – she was governor at Venerable Edward Morgan School and that Chester Zoo had allocated 42,000 free tickets for schools to do educational visits to the zoo.

19/120 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 8.04pm.

Chairs signature
Councillor Gillian Brockley

