

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 4th July 2016 at 6.45pm in the Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton.

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Present: Councillor J Beard (Chairman)

Councillors Ann Minshull, R Dowie, W Barton, E R Jones, G Cooper, D Evans, Doreen Mackie, M Evans, R Davies, Chloe Gallagher, S Bibby, Gillian Brockley, David Humphreys (Leader Reporter) and Mr Wayne Jones (FCC Streetscene)

16/042 Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Martin Gallagher, PC1606 Andrea Griffiths, Richard Roberts and Alan Roberts (Leisure Services FCC)

16/043 Thirty Three Club Playing Field – Play Area:

Correspondence from Mr Richard Roberts (Play Design Officer FCC) which read "Apologies for the delay in responding to you. The play equipment has been ordered and the tender for the groundwork's / pathways will be going out in the next few weeks and the fencing works will also be let out in the next week. The scheme is progressing and we are looking at an August start. We know the delays are not acceptable but with deadlines related to the VVP programmes this year and lack of available technical support from our Engineering Dept. due to them working on end of financial projects, the scheme has slipped, however please be assured the scheme will now be implemented in the next few months. Myself and Alan are available to meet to discuss in further details if required. We will keep you informed as to the progress in the coming weeks".

Members were very disappointed with regard to this information and former Chairman Councillor David Evans, said this was unacceptable and disgraceful, as this scheme was promised to be started in his year of office (2014) Cllr. David Evans then proposed a letter be sent to the Chief Executive about the unacceptable excuses and incompetence in

relation to the works, this was seconded and agreed. Member also requested a site meeting with officers to discuss and ask questions which need answering. Clerk to contact Mr Roberts to arrange site meeting at 33 Club playing field with Councillors M Evans, D Evans and G Cooper.

16/044 Minutes of Council:

a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 6th June 2016 were approved and agreed as a true record and then authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising from these Minutes:

- 16/030 Shotton Lane Working Men's Club site – no further update – agreed to be an agenda item for monthly updates.
- Parking Bays Charmley's Lane – Member advised that he had spoken to Councillor Bernie Attridge and he had confirmed that the two parking bays in question would be reverting back to loading bays.
- Cycling on pavements –people still persisting in riding on pavements the need for police to ticket the offenders. Clerk to make police aware of this concern.
- Damaged railings – Mr Jones advised that the new railings had arrived and would be in place over the next two weeks.
- Councillor Cooper advised that he had attended the opening of the New Relative's Room, organised by the Deeside League of Friends, at the Deeside Community Hospital and was very impressed with the room. The room was officially opened by Lady Janet Jones with two long service awards being presented by Lord Barry Jones.
- John Summers High School – no further information. Awaiting the decision of the Education Secretary Ms Kirsty Williams AM. Clerk had circulated correspondence from the Education directorate Welsh government for member's information.

Member commented that he was disappointed that the newly completed road works at Queensferry had made no difference to the flow of traffic through Shotton.

16/045 Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman advised that he had nothing to report this month.

16/046 Police Items:

Clerk informed members of email received from PC1606 Andrea Griffiths which stated "apologies for tonight's meeting due to day shift in work". "No further speed checks have

been carried out as yet. Will let council know when they have been done. Parking issues North Street housing officer contacted. The housing officer will make contact with residents and advise them about the complaints that have been made. Due to carry out an "estate walkabout" on Green Lane Thursday 7th July with the Housing Dept. No incidents of disorder reported in the pubs/streets etc during the showing of the Euro 2016 football matches."

Issues raised by members to be reported to the police:

- Aston Road speed camera needed – Digital 30mph speed sign not effective. Need for some form of traffic calming.
- North Street – off street parking – no area available to accommodate this. Member asked if access onto front gardens be considered (£1500 for drop curbs.)
- Anti social behaviour, residents need to report as and when things happen so that the police have a physical log of incidents.
- Cycling on pavements – this has already been raised under matters arising.

16/047 Streetscene:

Mr Jones was welcomed to the meeting and members raised the following:

- Charity bags when left out for collection from households are being ripped open and clothing left strewn on the pavements. Council are aware Streetscene doing a fantastic job but the need for enforcement to tackle this problem. Cllr. Jones said enforcement officers need to catch up, Mr Jones advised that they were catching up. Question asked to how many enforcement officers cover the whole of Flintshire. Mr Jones to advise.
- Member still receiving complaints about the green waste bags. Mr Jones was asked the question as to whether the council still gave out dog poo bags, Mr Jones advised no they do not.

16/048 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk informed members of the following:

- Available for member's perusal the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils Minutes and notice of next meeting were available to members.
- Members had received with council minutes the following information:
correspondence – Education Directorate, Welsh Government (re John Summers High School), Arts Council of Wales, Revised Supplementary Planning Guidance Note Consultation NO 23 Developer Contributions to Education. (all received)

- Approval for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk to deal with any matters which may arise during the August recess. All members agreed approval.

16/049 Planning Applications:

One Planning Application had been received prior to the meeting – 055552 – Change of use of existing newly built property previously passed under application 051022 from Two Self contained flats to One Two bedroom dwelling – 16 Beaconsfield Road, Shotton – NO OBJECTION.

Whilst on planning members raised concerns about multi occupancy and parking spaces on new developments. Member advised that Shotton Town Council always made objections and had site visits with the Planning Committee – with regard to parking spaces this objection was always over ruled. Clerk to write for the policy on parking spaces and multi occupancy.

16/050 Accounts for Payment:

The accounts in the sum of **£6825.56** were before council that evening for approval. It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts in the sum of **£6825.56** be approved and payments made.

16/051 Lighting:

- a) **Manweb:** None to report.
- b) **General:** Light outside 43 Cornwall Road on all the time. Clerk advised that the council pay electricity from dusk till dawn.

16/052 Member's Information:

Members reported the following:

- Interservices – member reported that the parade on Remembrance Sunday is being reverted back to the old route starting in Connah's Quay and disbanding at The Groves, Shotton. Councillors thanked members for this information.
- Shotton Community Association – Summer Art Exhibition and sale of paintings – Saturday 16th July 2016 10am to 3pm. Clerk to put notice in the council's notice boards.
- The railings Norman Street / Central Drive are being replaced.
- The Melrose Centre, Shotton being demolished and council houses being built.

16/053 Information Items:

Members had received copies of Information Items prior to the meeting.

16/054 Declaration made by members in accordance with Councils Code of Conduct:

None to report.

16/055 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.30pm.

Chairman's Signature
Councillor John Beard

