

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 12th September 2016 at 6.45pm in the Shotton Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton.

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Present: Councillor J Beard (Chairman)

Councillors W Barton, E R Jones, R Dowie, Ron Davies, S Bibby, Gillian Brockley, Chloe Gallagher, M Gallagher, G Cooper, Doreen Mackie, M Evans, Wayne Jones (FCC Streetscene).

16/056 Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Ann Minshull, D Evans and David Humphreys (Leader reporter)

16/057 Minutes of Council:

- a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on 4th July 2016 were approved and agreed as a true record and then authorised to be signed by the Chairman.
- b) Matters Arising from these Minutes:
 - **16/043 33 Club playing field – play area** - Councillor M Evans advised Council although late start on the new play area excellent work being done.
 - **16/044 Loading Bays Charmley's Lane** - Cllr Gary Cooper asked Clerk if letter had been received from Flintshire County Council seeking Councils permission for the two parking bays in Charmley's Lane to go back to Loading/Unloading bays. Clerk advised that she had not received any correspondence with regard to this matter.
 - **John Summers High School** - Cllr Gary Cooper (LEA Governor) advised he was bitterly disappointed that the case against closure had been lost. Also commented that In an area where a large proportion of the students come from is recognized as

an area of economic deprivation, now all students from John Summers High School will possibly, have the added cost of paying for transport to the designated High Schools. Major concern by all involved that the decision went this way. Cllr Cooper also advised the Council, that the Deeside Forum meeting was the following day (13th Sept.) and it has a proposed 30 year plan and he was certain Deeside education was linked and would be included in the plan.

- **16/046 – Aston Road – Speed Camera** – No further progress with regard to this issue
Clerk would contact the police with members concerns.

16/058 Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman was very pleased with the excellent attendance of members and advised that he had nothing to report this evening.

16/059 Police Items:

There was no police in attendance at the meeting, the Clerk would forward any matters of concern onto the police. Members expressed their disappointment.

- Cycling on the pavements – members once again raised their concerns over the lack of enforcement with regard to people riding on pavements. Member suggested Council write to the Crime Commissioner with regard to this matter. Councillor advised that Shotton Town Council had already gone through this process and the reply from the Crime Commissioner was that it was an operational matter and he had forwarded the councils request onto the Chief Constable who informed an Inspector who informed Council as and when resources allowed they would take action. Member suggested the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council to request if they could take on enforcement with regard to persons cycling on pavements. Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council.
- Question was asked by member if there had been a policy change in the way / methods of eviction of travellers from Council owned land. Clerk would contact police with regard to this matter.

16/060 Streetscene (Mr Wayne Jones)

Mr Jones gave out figures on enforcement made by the "Kingdom" (private company) with regard to dog fouling, parking and litter etc.

Alleyways Butler Street / Strickland Street – ongoing problem – enforcement needed.

Dog Fouling – Member raised concerns about the number of people letting their dog's foul playing field (33 Club play area) and not picking it up. Member asked if the new enforcement contractor (Kingdom) could take on this issue.

The footpath from Aston Road adjacent to St Ethelwold's School cutting into the hospital – people and staff smoking and leaving cigarette packets and butts on the ground, area looks disgusting, Clerk to write to hospital making them aware of the problem.

Member requested litter bin being placed at the bottom of Alexandra Street by dog fouling bin this request made because litter is being placed in the dog fouling bin. Mr Jones would look into this request.

16/061 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk advised members of the following:

- Correspondence had been received from resident (Sandown Road, Shotton) asking if Shotton Town Council could possibly support their request for charitable funding. Person raising funds to fund trip including health insurance, visas and to purchase mosquito net. (trip to travel to Takoradi in Ghana). Clerk advised that all the funds in the budgets for Financial Assistance had been used but would check and report back next month.
- The signage for the new play area 33 Club was shown to members and Clerk would inform Mr Richard Roberts that they would like included on signage – 'No Drugs allowed' 'Anti-social behaviour ring 101 Police and report' and Shotton Town Council details (office number and mobile).
- Next meeting of Flintshire Standards Committee will be held on 3rd October 2016 and will be a joint meeting with clerks/members of town and community councils. Clerk advised that she had contacted Amanda Haslam and informed her that Shotton Town Councils meeting is on the same date. If any member wished to attend apologies would be put in for the Town Council Meeting, members to let Clerk know if anyone would like to attend.
- Invitation to all members to Charity Fashion Show hosted by the Chairman of Flintshire County Council Cllr Peter Curtis & Consort Mrs Jennifer Curtis at Springfield Hotel, Pentre Halkyn, Holywell Thursday 6th October 2016 at 7.00pm.

16/062 Shotton Lane Working Men's Club site:

The Councils county councillor had made apologies for meeting and therefore no further update was available. This item would continue to be placed on agenda for any future reports or updates.

16/063 Planning Applications:

- a) Members had received list of Planning Applications received and approved in the August recess. These were accepted.
- b) The attached list of Planning Applications of member's observations at the September meeting would be forwarded to the Chief Planning officer to be reported to the next Planning Committee Meeting.

16/064 Local Government re-organisation & boundary changes:

Copy of the correspondence received from North & Mid Wales association of Local Councils had been circulated with agendas for member's comments. After discussion members disagreed for the need to change as we would be losing over 60% of willing volunteers to all communities. Shotton Town Council wishes to stay as a statutory body.

16/065 National Salary Award 2016 – 2018:

The National Joint Councils for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached agreement on the following:

- New pay scales for 2016 / 2017 to be implemented immediately and backdated
- New pay scales for 2017/2018 to be implemented from 1st April 2017.

Recommendations are made jointly by NALC & SLCC. It was **RESOLVED** that the National Salary Award 2016 – 2018 be approved and be implemented immediately this was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed by all member present.

16/066 Accounts for Payment:

- a) The accounts in the sum of **£19044.41** were before Council this evening (August recess accounts approved **£8478.05**) September accounts before Council for approval **£10566.36**. It was **RESOLVED** that accounts in the total sum of **£19044.41** be approved and payments made.
- b) The Annual return was presented to Council and council approved and accepted the Annual Return 2015 / 2016. Clerk advised that two issues had been raised (1) Fixed assets shown at insurance value rather than purchase cost. Clerk to refer guidance on this issue. (2) Approval of the annual return. (this had been done) The two issues raised were accepted by full council.
- c) BDO LLP carried out the external audit on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales for Shotton Town Councils Annual return 2015/2016.

16/067 Lighting:

- a) **Manweb** - None to report.
- b) **General** – The following faults would be reported the next morning – 10 Llewellyn Street, Ryeland Street / Salisbury Street wall bracketed light in back access, 22 Queensway.

16/068 Members Information:

Councillor Doreen Mackie advised that she and Councillor Gary Cooper as governors of John Summers High School, had been invited to the official opening of the new Deeside 6th in Connah's Quay on Friday 16th Sept. at 0930.

Councillor Cooper also advised that whilst his concern was for the future education and Wellbeing of the children from Deeside, as a governor and Chairman of Wellbeing at the High School his support and concern was and always has been the Wellbeing of the Staff and non teaching staff at the school.

16/068 Information Items:

The attached list of information items received since the July meeting were received by members.

Members informed Council that Friday 30th September between 2 – 5pm open afternoon (Aston Park Rangers fund raising event) at The Melrose Pub, Central Drive. Very successful last year. Shotton Community Association fund raising event 1st October 2016 all welcome in the Community Centre, Plymouth Street, Shotton.

16/069 Declaration made by members in accordance with Councils Code of Conduct:

None to report.

16/070 Duration of Meeting:

The Ordinary meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.55pm.

Chairman's Signature