

**SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR DREF**



**DECISION NOTICE
4TH September 2023**

1. PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Chris Risley

Councillors: Doreen Mackie, Elwyn Jones, David Evans, Gary Cooper, Dean Stenner, Mike Evans, Kelly Evans-Brown, Ron Davies, Gillian Brockley (online), Sean Bibby (online)

Officers: Collette Lowry (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), Wayne Jones, (Streetscene Officer)

Police: PCSO Jacqueline Pleszak (online)

Public gallery: 5 members of public (& 1 online)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- a) Members noted apologies from Councillor Angela Engle.
- b) Members noted the reason for absence provided (s85, LGA 1972)
- c) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to grant further dispensation for Councillor Engle's absence.
- d) Councillors Dean Ashfield & Tom Oldfield were not present. (apologies were received via text/in person the following day).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd July 2023 were proposed as an accurate record.

5. THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

Agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting whereby **IT WAS RESOLVED** for all public and the clerk to vacate the meeting in order for members to consider item no 6.

6. ANNUAL INCREMENT ON CLERK'S SALARY:

(This agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting).

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the clerk to progress to the next salary band within their current pay scale.

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair welcomed members and public back following the end of recess period. The Vice Chair informed members on the engagements she had attended whilst representing council.

8. PUBLIC SPEAKING:

A member of the public addressed the council regarding the monitoring of perceived speeding on Strickland Street and the forthcoming 20mph speed limit.

(Item 11 was moved forward to this point in the meeting)

9. TOWN MAINTENANCE (including Streetscene reports):

The Clerk updated members on matters resolved.

Members reported on new matters arising.

Officer Wayne Jones advised members on issues raised.

10. LIGHTING:

Members reported matters arising.

11. POLICE ITEMS:

(This agenda item had been moved up the agenda in order to accommodate the Officer waiting online).

Members discussed the delivery parking issue in town and the PCSO updated council on other matters.

12. CLERK'S REPORT:

Communications:

The Clerk reminded members of email communications distributed throughout the month.

Updates & requests:

- a) The Clerk informed members she had attended various meetings on behalf of the council.
- b) The Clerk informed members the King George Street play area picnic benches installation had been delayed and was due for completion that week.
- c) The Clerk updated members on the replanting of the Harry Weale Memorial Garden following the theft of existing plants.
- d)

13. PLANNING:

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Members considered the submitted applications. There were no concerns or objections.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the Clerk to inform the planning department.

b) PLANNING DECISIONS:

Members were updated on recent planning decisions.

c) PLANNING UPDATES:

There were none.

14. ACCOUNTS:

a) Record of payments made in July/August 2023:

Members noted the information provided.

b) To approve submitted accounts for payment:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the accounts submitted.

c) INCOME:

Members noted the information provided.

d) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS –

IT WAS RESOLVED: for Councillor Elwyn Jones to inform the Interservices Committee of the council's budget for 2023/24 and to request they seek authorisation from the council prior to committing to goods/services.

15. PLAYING FIELDS USAGE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to retrospectively approve the agreement with Aston Park Rangers and to review the terms and conditions of any agreements to be made with other clubs.

16. MATCH FUNDING – NORTH STREET PLAY AREA:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to opt for the cableway structure for the current financial year and to review play equipment designs in readiness for future phase developments.

17. ABSENCE & APOLOGY POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to adopt the policy.

18. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to seek a further quote from Hwb Cyfle and to request availability of Rivertown Church on the first Tuesday evening of the month in place of Mondays.

19. ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the document.

20. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Members requested a letter of concern from the council regarding the threat of closure of Deeside Fire Station.

Councillor Kelly Evans-Brown informed members of her meeting Princess Anne at Hwb Cyfle.

Councillor Doreen Mackie updated members of various bereavements in the community.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to send condolence cards on behalf of the council.

Councillor Dean Stenner updated members on progress with the foul smell investigation.

Councillor Chris Risley presented a member of the public with a get well card following an accident.

(Items 5 and 6 were now addressed)

21. DURATION OF MEETING:

Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm