

SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR DREF



Decision Notice
8th January 2024
Commencing 6.30 pm, Hwb Cyfle, Shotton.

1. TO RECORD ATTENDANCE:

Chair: Councillor Chris Risley

Councillors: Doreen Mackie, Mike Evans, Kelly Evans-Brown, David Evans, Elwyn Jones, Tom Oldfield, Sean Bibby, Dean Stenner, Gary Cooper & Ron Davies.

Officers: Collette Lowry (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

Public gallery: 3 members of public & 1 online

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Members approved previously resolved apologies from Councillor Angela Engle (resolution 023/79).

Councillors Dean Ashfield & Gillian Brockley also sent apologies with the reasons being approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the meeting of 4th December 2023 were proposed as an accurate record and would be signed by the Chair of the Council.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair wished all members and the public gallery a Happy New Year and thanked any members for attending the funeral of Councillor Ron Davies' wife.

He also informed council that he had attended a local patrol with the local Police Community Support Officer.

6. PUBLIC SPEAKING:

There were no such requests.

7. TOWN MAINTENANCE (including Streetscene reports):

Members discussed/reported various Streetscene related matters.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to report the issues and to copy in the ward members on any communications.

8. LIGHTING:

Members discussed the ongoing faulty lighting at Asda, the assessment of the new lighting columns required at Wellington Street & Grosvenor Road, the possibility of an additional streetlight by the changing area at the 33 club and the pedestrian crossing faults.

Members also discussed the Christmas lights arrangements.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to review ongoing arrangements for festive lighting in order to enhance/develop in future years.

9. POLICE ITEMS:

Councillor Sean Bibby reported he would be conducting a ward walk around with PCSO Tom Maddocks. Members also reported that the parking issue with the delivery drivers had restarted.

10. CLERK'S REPORT:

Communications:

Members noted the information items circulated via email throughout the previous month.

Updates & requests:

- a) The Clerk informed members that Rainbow Biz sent their thanks for the donation for their Christmas party.
- b) Members were informed there was to be a Joint Maintenance agreement meeting scheduled to be held on 18th January 2024.
- c) The clerk provided members with a quote from Scottish Power for the new lighting columns for Wellington Street/Grosvenor Road @ £2,611.87 each.
IT WAS RESOLVED: to move ahead with the project.
- d) The clerk informed members she would commence research into the formation of the Friends of Shotton working group following the completion of budget planning.

11. PLANNING

a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Members discussed the applications presented.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to inform the planning officers of the concerns to the application for FUL/000564/23.

b) PLANNING DECISIONS:

None

c) PLANNING UPDATES:

None

12. ACCOUNTS:

- a) **Record of payments made in December 2023:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note and approve the December accounts.

b) To approve submitted accounts for January payment:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve January 2024 accounts for payment.

c) December income:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note income for December 2023.

d) Other Financial Matters: –

Members discussed the matter of another high street bank due to close.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to add the investigation of introducing a banking hub to Shotton to the February 2024 agenda.

13. 2024/25 BUDGET & PRECEPT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the proposed date and time of the Finance Committee Meeting for 22nd January at 5.30pm at Hwb Cyfle.

14. QUARTER 3 BANK RECONCILIATION/BUDGET ANALYSIS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note and approve the attached documents.

15. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the attached policy.

16. ROSPA REPORT SITE MEETING – KING GEORGE STREET:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to confer with the ward members/Chair to determine a convenient date & to convene following the February 2024 full council meeting.

17. ST. DAVID'S DAY PLANS:

Members discussed the involvement of the local schools, Hwb Cyfle & Rivertown Church.

IT WAS RESOLVED: for the clerk & school governor representatives to make enquiries and for the matter to be added to the February 2024 agenda.

18. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Kelly Evans Brown informed members that the Christmas tree for the Melrose had not been purchased this year and that the donation would be returned.

19. DURATION OF MEETING:

Chair closed the meeting at 19.52.