



**MINUTES OF THE NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 13 November 2023, room G4, NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL, NEWENT,
7.25 pm**

Councillors Present:

Cllr Sara Hulbert (Chairman)
Cllr Juli Escritt
Cllr Trevor Beckwith
Cllr Kay Selwyn
Cllr Joshua Robertson
Cllr Gill Moseley
Cllr Samuel Letchford
Cllr Alan Hedley
Cllr Linda Morris

Also Present:

Town Clerk and Two members of the public

PUBLIC TIME

A Representative from Canopy gave a report regarding an arts Festival in Newent. Now proposed for Summer 2025 (agenda item 8)

1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Julia Gooch and Cllr Eddie Wood

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were none

3. To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2023

The Council resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meetings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Finance

4.1 To approve the accounts to be paid

A short report was given regarding the outsourced accounting contract the council currently have in place

The Council approved the accounts as per the payment list for November 2023

5. Annual Audit

5.1 To note the conclusion of the Annual Audit for the year ended 31st March 2023

The conclusion of the Annual Audit for the year ended 31st March 2023 were noted

5.2 To note that the Annual Conclusion of Audit has been published

The publication of the Annual Conclusion of Audit was Noted

6. To discuss and agree the adoption of Newent Town Council Biodiversity Policy

The Council agreed by unanimous decision to adopt the Town Council Biodiversity Policy
With the following amendments.

Within Site/Objective add work towards using more sustainable planting within the town
Tubs

7. Newent Town Council's Community Emergency Response plan

7.1 To adopt the Newent Town Council Community Emergency Response Plan.

The Council agreed to adopt the Town Council Community Emergency Response Plan
and revisit the item in December to ensure all contact details are up to date and review
any amendments necessary

7.2 To nominate representative(s) to be a Emergency Planning Co-ordinator for
Newent Town Council

The Council agreed by unanimous decision to appoint the following

Lead Councillor; Kay Selwyn
Second Cllr; Linda Morris
Third Cllr Juli Escritt

8. To consider supporting the Arts Festival proposed for 2024

The Council agreed to fully support the Arts Festival in principle proposed for 2025 and
When reviewing the 2024/2025 budget will look to earmark funding for the event

9. Estate Supervisor Work Report

9.1 To note the Estate Supervisors report

The Estate Supervisors Report was noted

10. To agree for Newent Town Council to hold a weekly market in addition to the agreed monthly market on a Wednesday starting in December

The Council agreed to hold a weekly market in addition to the monthly Market and in addition designate Cllr Juli Escritt and Cllr Kay Selwyn to investigate and agree fees for the weekly market rent

11. Date of Next Meeting:

27th November 2023 at 7:30 PM or soonest after the previous meeting. To be held at G4, Newent Community School, Newent.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

Signed:.....

Dated