

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Davies (Mayor), E Wood, Mrs K Draper, Mrs M Duncan, D Blick, Mrs R Wadley, R Beard, E Heathfield, Mrs C Howley, C Thomas, Mrs S Marcovecchio, V Vesma and Mrs G Moseley

Also present – The Clerk and 2 members of the public

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Public Participation Session: No items raised.

78.0 Apologies – None.

78.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Heathfield declared an interest in the Newent Initiative Trust item and had requested a dispensation, which had been granted by the Proper Officer.

Cllr Mrs Draper declared an interest in the Newent initiative Trust item.

Cllrs Mrs Davies and Beard declared an interest in the accounts to be paid.

78.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Blick, 10 in favour, 3 abstentions.

78.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

**Planning application P0783/18/FUL – Newton Villa, Ross Road** – After requesting further information, it was confirmed that the existing garage will be demolished. Planning are awaiting revised plans from the applicant to demonstrate the full proposal (i.e. removal of the existing garage and access to the new one). The Council will then be consulted again.

Cllr Heathfield referred to the Girl Guides' request to use a firepit at the Arboretum and enquired if it would be safe to do so at the moment as Gloucestershire County Council are advising that fires and BBQs should not be lit in open grassed or wooded areas. After a discussion, it was felt that as water will be on site, the fire will be in a container and the grass is very short, there is no issue.

78.4 Finance

78.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

(Cllrs Mrs Davies and Beard left the meeting whilst this item was discussed)

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| Payments made since last meeting | Chq No  | £       |
| Wages                            |         | 1625.91 |
| Barclaycard Transactions:        |         | £       |
| Fasthost Internet                |         | 6.00    |
| Fasthost Internet                |         | 13.19   |
| Payments to be considered        | Chq No. | £       |
| Legal & General                  | 14713   | 150.86  |
| MKM                              | 14714   | 304.16  |
| Ron Smith                        | 14715   | 53.86   |
| Chris Hyett                      | 14716   | 124.91  |
| Glebe Chapel                     | 14717   | 450.00  |
| GMT Solutions                    | 14718   | 81.84   |
| R Beard                          | 14720   | 55.25   |
| J Davies                         | 14721   | 13.70   |
| K Noble                          | 14722   | 28.60   |
| GCC                              | 14639   | 2038.39 |
| HMRC                             | 14640   | 1846.84 |

**Resolved:** The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £6,793.51. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

78.5 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

78.5.1 Request to hold Live at Newent Lake on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Cllr Blick proposed that the event is allowed to take place and the fees are waived, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Moseley.

Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio proposed the event is allowed to take place and the charity rates are charged, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Draper, 11 in favour, 2 against. **Resolved:** Permission is granted for Live at the Lake to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and charged at the charity rate. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, 12 in favour, 1 against.

78.5.2 Gloucestershire Police – Request to move a mobile CCTV camera to Meek Road

**Resolved:** A mobile camera is sited at Meek Road and Gloucestershire Police are asked to contribute half towards the £246.00 + VAT cost. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 11 in favour, 2 abstentions.

### 78.5.3 Newent in Bloom – Request for help with watering plant containers

A discussion took place regarding the planting in the town, which will be reviewed during the walkabout in August.

**Resolved:** Staff will help to water the plant containers for a short period. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

## 78.6 Planning

### 78.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P08P0942/18/FUL – 2 Market Square Newent

Change of use from a dental surgery to a residential dwelling including internal alterations, replacement windows to the north east elevation and part demolition of boundary walls. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

### 78.6.2 To note planning decisions

#### PERMITTED

P/0696/18/TPO – Land adjacent 78 Lakeside, Newent  
Reduce 1 x Thuja tree covered by A2 of TPO G41 TPO54 by 1.5 m on the eastern side of the tree up to 3/4 height of tree

P/0934/18/TPO – Newent Lake, Newent  
Crown lift trees in accordance with the submitted details. Trees covered by W3, A2 and A3 of G41 TPO54 and shown on the submitted plan

P0889/18/TCA – Newent Lake, Newent  
Crown lift trees in Newent Conservation Area as marked on the submitted plan but not covered by a TPO in accordance with the submitted details

P0786/18/LBC – Cemetery Chapel, Watery Lane, Newent  
Listed Building Consent for the installation of an internal gate behind door

P0796/18/TCA – Coach House, Graces Pitch, Newent  
Works to x 1 Eucalyptus tree at Coach House to reduce x 3 branches overhanging the driveway by 3m and remove dead branches

P0728/18/FUL – Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent  
Erection of secure 1.8m high Duex mesh fence and x 3 entrance gates

P0199/18/LBC – The Poplars, High Street, Newent  
Listed Building Consent for internal repairs and alterations with associated works. (Part retrospective)

P0200/18/LBC – Fledgelings, High Street, Newent  
Listed Building Consent for internal alterations and repairs including new ground floor over cellar, relocation of electricity meters. (part-retrospective)

REFUSED

P0742/18/TPO – 23 Lakeside, Newent  
Reduce x 1 Larch tree covered by W1 of Tree Preservation Order G41 TPO54 to 4.5 m above ground level

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

P0623/18/FUL – Merrylees, Tewkesbury Road, Newent  
Erection of a two storey extension with associated works and alterations

#### 78.7 Newent Initiative Trust's role

(Cllr Mrs Draper left the meeting whilst the following item was discussed)

Cllr Mrs Duncan raised this item to find out what the Trust is doing now, as the role had changed from when they were first set up.

Cllr Heathfield gave some background to what the Trust currently undertakes which includes 3 youth sessions a week, running a community café, organising 4 band concerts a year. This is all funded by grants from various local authorities. The Trust is also managing the Valegro project.

A lengthy discussion took place and comments were raised that the Trust was very successful in applying for grants. Cllrs Mrs Moseley and Vesma agreed to report back from the AGM on how much grant funding had been received. It was also noted that the Trust is the only provider of youth provision in the Forest of Dean and that the role had changed over the years as they are now more involved with supporting the youth of the town.

(Cllr Heathfield did not participate in the following vote)

**Resolved:** The Council's appreciation in the Trust's support of the youth provision is recorded. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Vesma, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

#### 78.8 To agree application process for Section 106 Deed of Variation grants

A discussion took place and it was confirmed the criteria wording was from the signed legally binding agreement and could not be changed.

**Resolved:** The documents circulated and process is approved. **Record of**

**Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

- 78.9 To appoint members onto a Working Group to oversee building of the community and recreation facility at the Recreation Ground

**Resolved:** Cllrs Mrs Davies, Beard, Mrs Duncan and Wood are appointed.

**Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

- 78.10 To approve newsletter

The circulated draft was reviewed and a number of amendments were noted

**Resolved:** The newsletter is approved subject to the amendments being incorporated. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

- 78.11 To receive committee and representative reports

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| Cllr Beard            | Newent Rugby Club's licence agreement came into effect on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 |
| Cllr Beard            | GMTF AGM  |
| Cllr Mrs Howley       | Community & Wildlife Day. £775.00 has been received in sponsorship, plus goods      |
| Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio | Update on Valegro project   |
| Cllr Mrs Moseley      | Veg Out Zone AGM  |
| Cllr Mrs Moseley      | NDP consultation week 12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July                      |
| Cllr Heathfield       | Facebook Research Group   |

- 78.12 Notices and Information

Cllr Mrs Davies informed the Council that a parent is setting up an awareness group for other parents whose children have become involved with drugs. Councillors are invited to attend.

**Resolved:** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

- 78.13 Staffing matters

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.