

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present – The Assistant Clerk and 4 members of the public

Public Participation Session: No items raised

92.0 Apologies – Cllr V Vesma, District Cllr Mrs J Gooch

92.1 Declaration of Interests –

92.2 Briefing on Town/Neighbourhood Watch – PCSO Griffiths in attendance.

PCSO Griffiths asked for approval to undertake a Town Neighbourhood Watch – the message being “this is a town that is on the look out.” He requested that it be put on the Council website and on facebook, posters etc. Cllr Mrs Davies advised him that this had already been discussed at the last meeting and the Town Council had given its approval.

PCSO Griffiths advised he had done a report for the forthcoming Annual Assembly and advised he would send a copy to the Council by email. He advised he is to hold a Police meeting in the Library shortly and will be sending out reminders. He was asked if another Traffic Watch could be undertaken and he advised this could be planned for the end of April. He further advised of an event – Drive for Life – on 23 April an educational event involving Newent School and the local Fire Brigade. A Council Member asked if the Rural Watch was still happening to which PCSO advised they were currently working with Hartpury College on this and also that they were getting funding for Neighbourhood Watch signs to be erected on the main entrances to the area.

PCSO Griffiths was thanked by Members for attending the meeting and appreciation was given by Members for the opportunity to exchange information with the Police.

92.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th February 2019

Resolved: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th February 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

92.4 Clerk’s Update and Matters Arising

Local Council Award Scheme – The application has been submitted.

Updates from previous meetings:-

Graffiti in the town – the cleaning fluid has now been received and the graffiti has been removed from the properties that have given the Town Council permission to do so.

Planning application P0052/19/FUL Spring Bank Malswick (meeting held on 28th January) – in response to concerns raised, the following response has been received from the Enforcement Officer:-

“I can confirm that we currently have an ongoing enforcement investigation into the creation of a hardstanding at the above property. Unfortunately we will not be able to investigate the removal of the orchard as the trees are not in a designated zone nor are they subject to a Tree Protection Order; we would, however, be able to investigate any unauthorised changes of use of the land from which these trees have been removed.

92.5 Finance

92.5.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting		£
HMRC	BACS	1855.20
PAYE Mnth 11		
GCC	BACS	2673.52
Pension Mnth 11		
Payments to be considered		£
EE	15008	35.53
Buildbase	15009	76.87
Peninsula	15010	173.42
Ermin Plant	15011	1926.59
Highleadon Filling Station	15012	273.10
G D Parker	15013	18.97
GMT Solutions	15014	93.12
Ledbury Garden Machinery	15015	404.84
Mainstream Digital	15016	4.50
Abbey Business Group	15017	62.87
M Duncan	15018	15.00
K Noble	15019	26.90
Hale & Co	15020	819.00
Grundon	15021	126.05

Resolved: The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £8,585.48 **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

92.5.2 To review budget update report

Resolved: The budget update report was noted and approved.
Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

92.6 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

92.6.1 Newent Business Club – concerns with promotion and appearance of the town.

Advise that Businesses have noticed the difference in footfall since both banks have closed, whilst the Town Council could not retain them, feel that it could do more to help increase footfall and to attract visitors. Request Members to address a number of issues which would assist with the promotion of the town. Further advise businesses are currently considering the Town Council's offer to advertise in the Town promotion leaflet, however take up may be affected by its response.

Members considered the number of concerns raised and felt that many had already been addressed in detail by the Town Council and could have been conveyed by the Town Council representative for the Business Club had they been aware the Club had reformed.

Resolved: a response be given to each of the concerns raised.
Record of voting: Proposed Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

92.6.2 Newent Onion Fayre Committee – request to use the Market House and Lake as part of the Newent Onion Fayre on 14 Sept 2019 and fees to be waived. Request for Staff to help set up on 13 September.

Resolved: The Newent Onion Fayre be permitted to use the Market House and Lake as part of the Newent Onion Fayre on 14 Sept 2019 and fees to be waived. Council staff to be permitted to help set up on 13 September **Record of Voting** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

Resolved: The Council to seek permission to have a stall at the Onion Fayre without charge. **Record of Voting** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

Resolved: Whilst a free car parking day in Lewall Street car park has been permitted from the allocation of free car parking days by

the District Council in Newent, a request be made for an additional day allocated for the Onion Fayre be made to the District Council.

Record of Voting Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, All in favour

92.7 Planning

92.7.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0058/19/FUL 14 Glebe Road, Newent

Erection of a semi-detached dwelling with associated works.

Demolition of existing pigeon loft Resolved: No Objection

Record of Voting: Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

P1783/18/FUL Tom Roberts Adventure Centre, Yates Farm, Malswick, Newent

Erection of 7 cabins to provide visitor accommodation, erection of 1 cabin-style dwelling to provide temporary accommodation for a relief centre manager and/or group leaders, and the carrying out of associated works. **Resolved:** No Objection **Record of Voting:**

Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour

P0179/19/ADV Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent

Erection of two non-illuminated fascia signs **Resolved:** No

Objection **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour

P0266/19/FUL 8 Vauxhall, Newent, Glos

Erection of a detached dwelling and associated parking, landscaping and works. Construction of a new vehicular access. Erection of a porch to existing dwelling. **Resolved:** No Objection **Record of**

Voting: Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour

P0024/19/Discon Land North of Ross Road, Newent, Glos

Discharge of condition 10 (construction method statement) of planning permission P0969/14/OUT. (revised construction method statement). **Resolved:** No Objection – would request the building line for pavement and layby be checked for correctness **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded by Cllr Blick, All in favour.

P0196/19/FUL Sunnyview Cottage, Cliffords Mesne, Newent, Glos

Erection of a two storey extension, single storey extension and replacement of roof slate to tiles with associated works. **Resolved:**

No Objection **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Wadley,
Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour

Notice of Appeal

Appeal by Mr W Childs, Kings Arms Inn, Ross Road, Newent, Glos
Development: Change of use of land to provide motorhome overnight
parking area including the erection of a barrier and fence around perimeter.
(Retrospective)

Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/P1615/W/193222251

Resolved: The Council's previous comments be reiterated. **Record of
Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Wood, All in favour.

92.7.2 To note planning decisions

PERMITTED

1. P0185/19/TPO Crofts Estate, south of Newent Lake, Newent
Crown lift x 1 Lime tree (T16 of the submitted survey) covered by
G41 TPO103 to 3.5m above the road, back to 1m behind the kerb
edge.
2. P0052/19/FUL Spring Bank, Malswick, Newent
Erection of a two storey side and rear extensions, single storey rear
sun room, porch extension and associated works. Demolition of
existing rear and side extensions.
3. P1972/18/FUL 336 Foley Road, Newent
Erection of a two storey side extension. Demolition of a car port.
4. P0204/19/TCA Bower Barn, 31 Culver St, Newent
Reduction of Whitebeam by 20%

92.7.3 Planning application P1990/18/OUT – S106 Application

Members were advised that Section 106 monies would not be made
available by the Forest of Dean District Council for the Town
Council's recreational facilities from this development. If the Council
wished to challenge this ruling, a representative would need to
attend the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on 9 April.

92.8 Planting of borders and tubs in the town – Cllr Mrs Davies

Cllr Mrs Davies advised that funding had not been made to Newent in Bloom this year due to the budget for Grant funding had been fully utilised and their application arriving too late in any event. She informed Members that District Cllr Mrs Gooch was involved in trying to plant the flower beds and that possibly some funding could be used from the Town Promotion budget – suggestion £100.00 and the Open Spaces budget – suggestion £150.00 for bedding plants for the many tubs in the town.

Cllr Mrs Davies further advised that given Newent was famous for its daffodils she felt that there was a lack of them in the town and she proposed to use the collection from the Civic Service last year in the sum of £81.00 together with a kind donation of £50.00 from the Newent Onion Fayre to purchase daffodils bulbs for planting in the town.

Resolved: a sum of up to £400 from the suggested budget headings be used for planting of summer bedding plants. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Jones, All in favour.

92.9 To revisit the decision taken by the Council on 24 September 2018 to publish a Facebook page on a trial basis, as requested by 5 Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 7a. The proposed motion: Newent Town Council publishes its Facebook page immediate for a trial period from Tuesday 12 March 2019 until the date of the first Full Council meeting of the new Council in May 2019 when it will be reviewed. The page to be edited by the Office staff and posts would be copied from the Town Council website.

Cllr Mrs Davies listed a number of matters relating to why the Facebook page had been delayed and continued to be so given the Office workload and the impracticality of publishing it from the following day particularly in that the Town Clerk was currently on leave and the remaining part-time staff were covering the Office in her absence and had not been briefed in any event on the policy of its use.

Cllr Heathfield withdrew the proposition.

Cllr Heathfield supported the publication of the Facebook page as an important form of communication which could be widely distributed. He proposed in the light of Cllr Mrs Davies' comments that the date of publication be amended to 4 April 2019.

Proposal the Facebook page be published on 4 April, 2019, seconded Cllr Jones **Record of Voting (recorded vote requested by Cllr Heathfield) In favour** Cllr Heathfield, Cllr Jones, Mrs Wadley, Mrs Moseley, **Against** Cllrs Mrs Davies, Mrs Howley, Mrs Marcovecchio, Cllr Beard, Cllr Blick, Cllr Wood **Abstentions** Cllr Mrs Draper, Mrs Duncan. **The motion failed.**

Cllr Mrs Davies put forward an alternative proposition:-

Proposal the Facebook page be set up in due course as and when time is permitted for the Administrative Assistant to undertake relevant training.

Seconded Cllr Beard **Record of Voting – 6 In favour** Cllr Mrs Davies, Cllr Mrs Howley, Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, Cllr Beard, Cllr Blick, Cllr Wood, **3 Against** Cllr Mrs Wadley, Cllr Heathfield, Cllr Jones **3 Abstentions** Cllr Mrs Duncan, Cllr Mrs Draper, Mrs Moseley **Resolved:** the Facebook page be set up as and when time is permitted for the Administrative Assistant to undertake relevant training.

92.10 To approve newsletter – Cllrs Mrs Moseley and Vesma

Resolved: The Council's newsletter for April was approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

92.11 To receive committee and representative reports

Reports were received from:-

Cllr Mrs Wadley	-	Forest Health Forum
Cllrs Beard, Mrs Howley	-	Glos Market Towns Forum
Cllrs Mrs Duncan, Mrs Howley	-	Future of the High Street
Cllr Heathfield	-	Youth Advisory Group

92.12 Notices and Information

Cllr Mrs Moseley reported that the Steering Group of the Neighbourhood Development Plan was to meet on Thurs 14 March at 7.00 pm in the Market House and that the Group now had 16 members.

Cllr Mrs Davies reminded Members involved that the Drop-In sessions for the forthcoming Elections were taking place on Thurs evening – 14 March and Saturday morning – 16 March.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.19 pm.