

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newent Town Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 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, V Vesma, Mrs R Wadley, D Blick, Mrs G Moseley

Also present – The Clerk and 4 members of the public

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Public Participation Session: No items raised.

94.0 Apologies – None.

94.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Heathfield and Mrs Draper declared an interest in the deed of variation grant application from Newent Initiative Trust.

Cllrs Vesma and Mrs Moseley had been granted a dispensation from the Proper Officer to be able to participate in the discussion and voting on the deed of variation grant application from Newent Initiative Trust.

94.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Cllr Vesma stated that under 93.6.1 he had voted against the proposal.

**Resolved:** Subject to the amendment to the voting on item 93.6.1, as stated above, the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

94.3 Clerk's Update and Matters Arising

**Registering for VAT –** The Clerk had attended training last week and feels further expert advice is required before the Council registers for VAT.

Cllr Vesma confirmed that he had met with the Headteacher and Art Teacher regarding the gateway feature. The school are very keen to participate with the project and would like the judging of the competition to be undertaken at the School. The art students should be available to participate in early June.

Cllr Mrs Duncan explained that after further discussions with the Clerk and Mayor, it has been agreed that Mrs Duncan will attend the Planning Committee meeting at the District Council, but will not be speaking on the Bradfords Lane application.

## 94.4 Finance

## 94.4.1 To approve accounts to be paid

Payments made since last meeting		£
Mitch Heating	15034	250.00
Grundon Waste Management	15035	126.70
Buildbase	15036	3.98
EE	15037	30.73
Ermin Plant	15038	133.26
D Morley	15039	15.20
FA Bartlett Tree Expert Co	15040	630.00
Your Website 2	15041	430.00
Mainstream Digital	15042	15.34
G D Parker & Co	15043	58.96
Abbey	15044	39.82
Highleadon Filling Station	15045	210.87
Payments to be considered	Chq No.	£
Glebe Chapel	15048	468.00
Peninsula Business	15049	173.42
GMT Solutions	15050	93.12
ICCM	15051	95.00
South West Councils	15052	510.00
Zurich Municipal	15053	4661.39
Forest of Dean District Council	15054	1512.00
Forest of Dean District Council	15055	335.86
Forest of Dean District Council	15056	384.00
A-Plan Insurance	15057	997.21

**Resolved:** The above expenditure is approved, to a value of £11,081.74. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Blick, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

## 94.4.2 To review budget update

A query was raised regarding the over spend on the office rent. It was confirmed that the budget had been reduced, as the Council had expected to have moved into Court Lane.

The over spend on the allotment utilities was also queried. This was due to an increase in water usage following an exceptionally dry year.

**Resolved:** The accounts were noted and approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Mrs Draper, All in favour.

94.5 To consider response required to correspondence/consultations received

94.5.1 GAPTC – Call for resolutions for submitting to the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

No items were raised.

94.6 Planning

94.6.1 Planning applications to be considered

P0343/19/FUL – Unit Rear of, 32 Ford House Rd, The Scarr, Newent

Change of use of land to B2 (General industry), erection of extension to existing workshop and erection of an office and store building with associated works. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

P0388/19/FUL – 40 Glebe Road, Newent

Erection of a single storey rear extension including alterations to parking area and associated works. Demolition of existing rear extension. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Blick, All in favour.

P0393/19/FUL – Mayview, The Tythings, Newent

Erection of a single storey extension with associated works. Demolition of existing garage. **Resolved:** No objection. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duncan, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

Planning Application received from Gloucestershire County Council:

19/0021/FDMAJW Severn Trent Water Ltd – Wardell Armstrong LLP, Sir Henry Doulton House, Forge Lane, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent

Installation of area motor control Centre kiosk – Newent Sewage Treatment Works, Cleeve Mill Lane, Newent

It was reported that the Clerk had contacted Severn Trent some months ago asking if any works were planned for the treatment works and Severn Trent responded by stating nothing was planned.

There had been a lack of information supplied to the Council. There would be considerable parking issues in the vicinity during the next 12- 24 months.

#### 94.6.2 To note planning decisions

##### PERMITTED/CONSENT

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.

P0254/19/TCA – The Porch House, 35 Church Street, Newent  
Reduce x 1 Conifer tree by 25% at the Porch House

P0179/19/ADV – Newent Community Centre, Ross Rd, Newent  
Erection of two non-illuminated fascia signs

#### 94.7 Estate Management

##### 91.7.1 To consider renewing pest control service contract (moles)

The Clerk had met with the current contractor to discuss the options for best value for money and it was confirmed that an annual contract with set monthly charges would be far cheaper, due to the number of site visits undertaken. **Resolved:** The annual contract is renewed at a cost of £105.00 per month. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

#### 94.8 To consider deed of variation grant funding applications and make recommendations to Gloucestershire County Council

##### 94.8.1 Newent Initiative Trust

(Cllrs Mrs Draper and Heathfield left the meeting whilst this application was discussed)

Newent Initiative Trust were congratulated on the clarity of the application. The application was considered and many positive comments were made. **Resolved:** The Council recommends to Gloucestershire County Council that a grant of £10,000.00 is awarded. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

##### 94.8.2 Glebe Chapel/Newent Community Centre

A lengthy discussion took place and concerns were raised regarding money requested was the majority of the project costs.

**Resolved:** The Council recommends to Gloucestershire County Council that a grant of £5,000.00 is awarded, which is half the

requested amount. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

#### 94.8.3 The Young Anglers Project

**Resolved:** The Council agreed to waive the minimum application amount for this application. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Vesma, Seconded Cllr Mrs Moseley, All in favour.

The application was considered. **Resolved:** The Council recommends to Gloucestershire County Council that a grant of £2,965.00 is awarded. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Beard, All in favour.

#### 94.9 Improving street lighting in the alley between the Market Square and Co-op and wall repairs

Cllr Wood raised concerns about the alley being very dark and the walls that have fallen down are a safety issue. **Resolved:** The Council to write to the Co-op to ask if lighting can be installed and to the landowners to ask if the walls can be reinstated. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Wood, Seconded Cllr Vesma, All in favour.

#### 94.10 To approve the newsletter

Cllr Mrs Moseley circulated an additional item regarding the Annual Parish Assembly. Cllr Vesma amended the wording regarding the gateway project, which was agreed.

**Resolved:** The newsletter is approved, to include the suggested amendment and additional item. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded Cllr Heathfield, All in favour.

#### 94.11 To receive committee and representative reports

Cllr Mrs Wadley	Forest Health Forum meeting
Cllr Vesma	Newent Initiative Trust meeting
Cllr Vesma	Newent Onion Fayre Committee
Cllr Mrs Moseley	NDP Steering Group

#### 94.12 Notices and information

Cllr Mrs Wadley spoke regarding a recent Community Alert message sent by Martin Surl and had made a complaint about the misuse of the system.

Cllr Mrs Davies thanked Cllr Marcovecchio and all the team involved with the litter pick at the weekend.

Cllr Mrs Howley confirmed that the King Arms had also organised a litter pick on the Ross Road with the Newent Young Farmers and they had done a great job and disposed of the waste themselves.

**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. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

94.13 To consider commercial lease agreement for office accommodation at Newent Community Centre

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.