

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Newent Town Council held on **Monday 25th July 2022** at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at **7.35 pm**.

Present: Councillors Mrs C Howley (Chairman), Mrs M Duffield, Mrs G Moseley, Mrs R Wadley, Mr D Tinson, Mr R Beard, Mrs K Selwyn, Mr E Wood and Mrs K Draper

Also present – The Clerk and 17 members of the public.

The councillors welcomed Councillor Eddie Wood to the council and meeting.

Public Participation Session

There were two public speakers.

Speak 1

A member of the public spoke in favour of Item 8, 'Reintroduction of a regular bus service between Newent, Ross-on-Wye and Ledbury'.

Speak 2

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1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs S Marcovecchio
Mrs J Gooch and Mrs W Odhiambo

2. Declarations and Interest on items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 27th June 2022

The council resolved by majority decision that the Minutes were a true and accurate summary of the meeting and were duly signed by the Deputy Chairman.

4. Clerk's update and matters arising from previous minutes

4.1 To note the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was noted.

The Chairman re-ordered the agenda items.

8. Reintroduction of a regular bus service between Newent, Ross-on-Wye and Ledbury

8.1 To support the re-introduction of a regular bus service between Newent, Ross-on-Wye and Ledbury with the pledge of a £15,000 contribution towards first year running costs, which equates to £3, or one return bus ticket. per Newent elector, with an on-going commitment on the council budget.

The council resolved by unanimous decision to support the re-introduction of a regular bus service between Newent, Ross-on-Wye and Ledbury with the pledge of a £15,000 contribution towards first year running costs, which equates to £3, or one return bus ticket, per Newent elector.

5. Finance

5.1 To approve the accounts to be paid

Payee	Total (£)	Description
Chris Hyett	105.00	Pest Control: 1 found at the cemetery & 1 found at the Recreation Ground
Daniel Cordell Lake Carving	3,200.00	Lake animal carvings May 2022
Dee Morley	540.00	Invoices 20.06.22-04.07.22 Clerk Assistance
GAPTC	421.60	Being a Better Cllr Training
GDR Solutions	99.95	Level 3 Emergency First Aid Course
GMT Solutions	135.12	Bronze Monthly Support IT
Jenny Smith	33.00	Cleaning
KJS Accountants Ltd	335.00	KJS - Fees June 2022
Ledbury Garden Machinery	21.60	Engine bungs for jet wash
Makinson & Co Accountants	54.00	Payroll July 2022
MKM BS (Newent) Ltd	91.44	Drain Cover recreation ground
MKM BS (Newent) Ltd	15.67	Bulk Bag for Gateway Feature
Network Connections UK Ltd	777.00	1/4ly CCTV 01.07.22-30.09.22
Newent Plant Centre	52.00	1xPink Flowering Cherry Tree
G D Parker & Co	12.98	Gloves: Screenwash
GD Parker & Co	8.35	Tree compost and washers
Peninsula H&S	22.28	Business Safe July 2022
Total	5924.99	

The Council by majority decision approved the accounts to be paid to a value of £5924.99

5.2 To note the RFO Report

The RFO's reports were noted.

- Payments and Income from 20.06.22 to 30.06.22
- Receipts and Payments from 01.07.22 to 15.07.22
- Earmarked Reserves dated 13.07.22

5.3 To Note Income & Expenditure Report 30.06.2022

The Income and Expenditure Report was noted.

6. Bank Reconciliation of 30.06.22

6.1 To note Bank Reconciliation for 30.06.22

The council noted the Bank Reconciliation for 30.06.22

Account	Balance £
Current	24,832.41
Deposit	198,346.72
Total	223,179.13

6.2 To note Cashbook for 30.06.22

The council noted the Cashbook for 30.06.22.

7. Strategic Plan

7.1 To review and update Strategic Plan 2019-2023

The council reviewed the Strategic Plan for 2019-2023.

7.2 To review and update draft Strategic Plan 2023-2028

The council reviewed and updated the draft Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

9. Citizens Advice Bureau Report – Quarter one report

9.1 To note the Citizens Advice quarter one report

The council noted the Citizens Advice quarter one report.

10. Estate Supervisors Report

10.1 To note the Estate Supervisor's report

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11. Newent Town Council Planning for Planting

The clerk is authorised to seek advice and ideas from local nurseries, as to what planting will suit the town, what the costs will be, when this will be actioned, and who will carry out the majority of the work.

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The chairman closed the meeting at 20.59