

**NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL
REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of **Regeneration Committee** held on **Monday 8th August 2022** at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Mr R Beard (Chairman) Mrs R Wadley, and Mrs C Howley

Also present – The Clerk and 5 members of the public

Public Participation Session

There were no public speakers

1. To note apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs S Marcovecchio and Mrs M Duffield.

2. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda.

Councillor Mrs C Howley declared an interest in 5.1 To approve the revised Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2022

The Regeneration Committee resolved by a majority decision that the Minutes were a true and accurate summary of the meeting and were duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report

4.1 To note the Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted.

Councillor Mrs C Howley left the meeting.

5. Allotment Revised Agreement

5.1 To approve the revised Allotment Tenancy Agreement

The item was withdrawn as the meeting was inquorate.

Councillor Mrs C Howley returned to the meeting.

6. Market House

6.1 That the clerk be instructed to place an order as revised tender received for work on the Market House. Architects for the project are Arnold Bartosch from Cheltenham and that the public works loan be initiated as terms identified in letter dated 20/07/2022. This loan is up to £58,000.00

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision that the clerk be instructed to place an order as revised tender received for work on the Market House. Architects for the project are Arnold Bartosch from Cheltenham and that the public works loan be initiated as terms identified in letter dated 20/07/2022. This loan is up to £58,000.00.

7. Electric Vehicle Charging for Newent

7.1 That the project be investigated again, involving the Forest of Dean District Council and Gloucestershire County Council

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision that the project be investigated again, involving the Forest of Dean District Council and Gloucestershire County Council.

7.2 That the clerk be instructed to establish if the grant, previously identified by an officer of Forest of Dean District Council of £53,051, is still available for improvement in air pollution projects

The committee resolved by a unanimous/majority decision that the clerk be instructed to establish if the grant, previously identified by an officer of Forest of Dean District Council of £53,051, is still available for improvement in air pollution projects.

7.3 That the Regeneration Committee works with the Forest of Dean District Council and Gloucestershire County Council to identify if there are suitable organisations to undertake electric vehicle non-roadside projects

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision that the Regeneration Committee works with the Forest of Dean District Council and Gloucestershire County Council to identify if there are suitable organisations to undertake electric vehicle non-roadside projects.

8. Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) report

8.1 To approve spending, based on the recommendations from the RoSPA report

8.1 Path at lake near to the wild seed area sloping towards water

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to shore up the footpath and re-instate with stone at a cost of £2000.00.
Monies to come from EMR 350 Lake Management £2000.00.

8.2 Bank Revetments

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision carry out 13 meters of revetments at a cost of £4250.00.
Monies to come from Communities budget £4250.00.

8.3 Disabled Picnic benches

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to the replacement x 2 timber picnic benches more ecologically friendly and much more robust. At a cost of £800.00 in total.

Monies to come from Communities Budget.

8.4 Lake pathways

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to purchase a further 20 Tonne of red 6mm to dust stone to re-dress the paths at a cost of £1000.00. Monies to come from 350 EMR Lake management £1000.00

8.5 Large wooden fishing platform at Newent lake

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to small minor repairs to be carried out this year as and when required, and monies are ringfenced within next year's budget to match fund any grants received (if any) to complete the replacement.

8.6 Watery Lane play area Baby swings

The committee asked the clerk to find out if any grants were available for the play area swings.

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to replace old baby swings with a single nest/basket swing at a cost of no more than £6900.00

Monies to come from:

353 EMR	Recreation Ground play area.	£4612.00
372 EMR	Lake play area	£1288.00
2022-2023 budget 340-4810	Recreation Play Area Maintenance	£1000.00

9. Lodge

9.1. To review actions undertaken on the project and use this information to financially plan forward future work

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to review actions undertaken on the project and use this information to financially plan forward future work.

9.2 To remove fencing around the building and undertake a general clearing of the area

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10. Estate Supervisor's Report

10.1 To note Estate Supervisor's Report

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to agree the location of the installation of the carvings as per the Estate Supervisor's Report.

The Estate Supervisor's Report was noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21pm