



**MINUTES OF THE NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 27th November 2023, room G4, NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL, NEWENT,
7.30 pm**

Councillors Present:

Cllr Sara Hulbert (Chairman)
Cllr Gill Moseley
Cllr Samuel Letchford
Cllr Juli Escritt
Cllr Allan Hedley
Cllr Eddie Wood
Cllr Trevor Beckwith
Cllr Linda Morris

Also Present:

Town Clerk and 9 members of the public

A representative from Buses4Us Gave an extensive stakeholders report on the Daffodil line bus service, In depth details were given on passenger numbers, passenger satisfaction, and further funding requirements and much more. Members were then able to ask questions relating to the service. The full report is available under meeting papers on Newent Town Council Website.

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PUBLIC TIME

Public Participation, up to a 10 minute period of time will be set aside before the start of the meeting for public questions

There were none

1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kay Selwyn and Cllr Joshua Robertson.

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were none

3. To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023

The Council resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meetings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Wood declared an interest at this juncture of the meeting and left the room

4. Finance

4.1 To approve the accounts to be paid

A list of payments was sent to the Members prior to the meeting.
The Council approved the accounts as per the payment list for November 2023.

Payment list item available below

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Cllr Wood rejoined the meeting.

5. Reports

5.1 To receive a report from the Market House Stewards

The report was noted, and members wished to pass on there thanks to the Stewards that have put in so much hard work over the year.

Report available below

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5.2 To receive a report from the Regeneration Working Group.

A short verbal report was given from the Chair indicating that the first Regeneration working Group meeting was a positive and productive one and went on to invite all members to the next meeting scheduled for the 25th January 2023 at 7 pm

The report was noted

6 To consider and approve recommendations from the Neighbourhood Development Steering Group appointing the preferred planning consultant to assist with the NNDP

The Council by unanimous decision agreed with the recommendations from the Neighbourhood Development Steering Group and approved the appointment of Lee Searles of Andrea Pellegram Ltd, to the role of Planning Consultant to the Newent NDP. Such approval is subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.

7. To discuss and approve the options available to fund Newent Recreation Ground Trusts identified deficit and enable Contractual obligations to be met.

A report was read out from the chair of the Recreation Ground trust, regarding the deficit identified with the ongoing JCT contract in place, to build the new pavilion at the Recreation Ground

Report available below

A further update was given from the Clerk disclosing the results from the Public Consultation in relation to the application for borrowing.

A total of 80 replies were received

41. replying **Yes** and 39. replying **No**

A further update was given announcing that the Application to borrow has been completed and sent to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities,

The Council by unanimous decision agreed to provide financial assistance in the way of a payment for the amount of £36,449.18 to the Recreation Ground Trust, to enable them to meet their Contractual obligations.

8. To agree forming a working group to review the strategic plan and bring any recommendations to full Council

The Council agreed to form a working group comprising of Cllr Sara Hulbert Cllr Joshua Robertson and Cllr Gill Moseley, to review the strategic plan and bring any recommendations back to full Council

9. Estate Supervisor Work Report

9.1 To note the Estate Supervisors report

The Estate Supervisors Report was noted

9.2 To approve donation of a memorial bench at Newent Cemetery, as per the completed application form

The Council by unanimous decision approved the donation of a memorial bench as per the completed application form

9.3 to approve donation of a memorial bench at Newent Recreation Ground, as per completed Application form

The Council by unanimous decision approved the donation of a memorial bench as per the completed application form and to review the memorial bench policy at a later date

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10. Date of Next Meeting:

11th December 2023 at 7:30 PM or soonest after the previous meeting. To be held at G4, Newent Community School, Newent.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

Signed:.....

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