



**MINUTES OF THE NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 22nd April 2024, room G4, NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL, NEWENT,
7.30 pm**

Councillors Present:

Cllr Sara Hulbert (Chair)
Cllr Alan Hedley
Cllr David Sass
Cllr Gill Moseley
Cllr Samuel Letchford
Cllr Juli Escritt
Cllr Linda Morris
Cllr Clare Stone
Cllr Julia Gooch

Also Present:

Town Clerk and 6 members of the public

A spokesperson has been invited to make a presentation to members, on behalf of a voluntary group that wish to partner with the Town Council to deliver a fun day in September 2024

Presentation

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

A member of the public spoke about the following items on the agenda

- Item 5.0 They gave a brief history of Newent Lake
- Item 7.2 Requested a copy of a map with the areas of the proposed planting
- Item 9.0 Gave a brief description of the past pavilions that had been erected at the watery Lane site and requested that the Council look into obtaining historical pictures that could possibly be displayed in the new Building
- Item 10 Reminded members of the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum organisation
- Item 12 Requested that that members of each working group are listed on Newent town Council's website

1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Joshua Robertson

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

Cllr David Sass declared an interest on item 13 on the agenda Cllr Clare Stone declared an interest on item 6 on the agenda and all members declared a other interest on item 11

3. To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2023

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

[Draft Minutes](#)

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 by unanimous decision approved the accounts to be paid

Payment list item available below

[Payment List](#)

4.2 To note the Bank Reconciliation

The Bank reconciliation was noted.

[Bank Reconciliation](#)

4.3 To note the Cashbook of 31/03/2024

The Cash Book 31/3/2024 was noted

[Cash Book](#)

4.4 To note Earmark Reserves 31/3/2024

The Earmark Reserves 31/3/2024 were noted

[Earmarked Reserves](#)

4.5 To note Income & Expenditure Report of 31/3/2024

The Income & Expenditure Report was noted

[Income & Expenditure](#)

4.6 To note all investment account balances and return

All Investment account balances and returns were noted

[CCLA Investments](#)

5. Fishing at Newent Lake

5.1 To review the fishing rules and to agree the recommendations from the public Consultation

Notes from a meeting held with the Estate Supervisor fishing bailiffs and anglers of Newent Lake was provided to members prior to the meeting

[Meeting Notes](#)

A discussion took place and the Council resolved for a 12 month period to abolish the fixed closed season within the fishing rules and to implement a fluid closed period of two weeks minimum once the fish appear to start spawning and to review the rules again next season

5.2 To review and agree fishing permit charges for 2024/2025

The Council resolved to increase the charge for fishing permits from £12.00 for anglers over 16 years of age to £20.00 for anglers over 16 years of age and anglers under 16 years of age to remain free of charge and for anglers outside of the parish the charge will remain at £50.00

6. To agree to the request from Buses4Us to paint the Bus stop at Lewell street car park in Newent

Members agreed to the request from Buses4Us to paint the bus stop as a one off at Lewell street car park in the design agreed for the duration of 12 months and with the condition any expenses arising from the artwork on the bus stop will be met by Buses4Us

[Example artwork](#)

7. Work Report

7.1 To note the Estate Supervisors Work Report

The Estate Supervisors Work Report was noted

[Estate Supervisors Report](#)

7.2 To approve expenditure for phase 2 of the Town Planting Schedule

The Council by unanimous decision approved the expenditure of £486.20 + Vat from budget heading 220-4420 Tourism and Town Promotions to appoint supplier of quote 2 to carry out phase 2 of the town planting

7.3 To approve expenditure for the hire of a excavator to re-dress the lake paths

The Council resolved by unanimous decision to approve the expenditure of no more than £300.00 + VAT from budget heading 330-4760 lake management/maintenance for hire of a digger to redress lake paths.

7.4 To Approve expenditure for the replacement top of the picnic table at the Lake

The Council resolved by unanimous decision to approve the expenditure of no more than £140 +VAT from budget heading 330-4760 lake management/maintenance to enable purchase of replacement tabletop for the lake picnic bench.

8. To agree to renew the Street Trading Consent in Newent Town Centre for 2024/25 And agree any expenditure

The council agreed to renew the street trading consent in Newent Town Centre for 2024/25 And agreed the expenditure of £897.00 to come from Tourism and Town Promotions

9. Council Meeting Venue

To agree Newent Pavilion venue for Council Meetings from June 2024 onwards subject to venue availability and approve expenditure resulting from bookings

The Council agreed to move the monthly meeting to the community Pavilion as soon as the venue becomes available and agreed to any expenditure resulting from bookings

10. To agree Annual Membership to the following bodies and approve any expenditure

10.2 Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC)

The council agreed to GAPTC Membership for 12 months

10.2 Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM)

The Council agreed to renew ICCM Membership for 12 months

10.1 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

The Council Agreed the expenditure for the Clerk to enrol with the SLCC

11. To approve the extraordinary grant application received from Newent Recreation Ground Trust

The Council approved the extraordinary grant application of £22,000.00 from Newent Recreation Ground Trust

Recreation Ground Trust Short report

12. Reports

12.1 To receive a report from the Regeneration Working Group

The verbal report was noted

12.2 To receive a report from the Cemetery Lodge working Group and agree any Recommendations

The Council thanked members of the working group for there hard work and approved the Recommendation to allow the working group to continue and include the cemetery Chapel/Mortuary with the lodge to investigate uses that respect the heritage setting And to provide monthly updates keeping a track of work undertaken and to bring a proposal back within six months

12 To receive a request from Sound Music and Art Community Association (SMART) And agree any expenditure

The Council approved to defer this item to a future meeting

13 To review Newent Town Council's Asset register 2024/25

The council agreed

15. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 20th May 2024 to be held at Newent Sixth Form Common room, Newent Community School, Newent. At 7.30 pm or soonest after the previous meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19 pm.

Signed:.....

Dated