



**MINUTES OF THE NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 8th April 2024, room G4, NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL, NEWENT,
7.30 pm**

Councillors Present:

Cllr Sara Hulbert (Chair)
Cllr Julia Gooch
Cllr Samual Letchford
Cllr Kay Selwyn
Cllr Juli Escritt
Cllr Alan Hedley
Cllr David Sass
Cllr Eddie Wood
Cllr Joshua Robertson
Cllr Gill Moseley

Also Present:

Town Clerk and 2 members of the public

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 made comment about item 9 on the agenda (To consider grant applications) and then made further comment about the Social, economic, commercial, administrative and, political issues the parish is currently facing

1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Linda Morris

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

Cllr Sara Hulbert declared an interest on item 9.5 and 9.1 on the agenda
Cllr Julia Gooch Declared an interest on item 9.4 and 9.5 on the agenda
Cllr Samual Letchford Declared an interest on item 9.3 and 9.1 on the agenda
Cllr Joshua Robertson declared an interest on item 9.3 9.7 and 9.1 on the agenda
Cllr Kay Selwyn declared an interest on item 9.1 on the agenda
Cllr Juli Escritt declared an interest on item 9.1 on the agenda

3. To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2024

The Council resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.
Following the amendment of the below typing error

Original text; cards for the Bye-Election
Amended Text; cards for the By-Election

Cllr Kay Selwyn left the room at this juncture

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 following clarification of an invoice from Ted Hopkins

[Payment list](#)

Cllr Kay Selwyn returned to the meeting

4.2 To approve the renewal of the Rialtas accounts package and support

The Council by unanimous decision approved the renewal of the Rialtas accounts package and agreed the expenditure of £549.00 + Vat

5. Policy Reviews

5.1 To approve the Standing Orders

The council by unanimous decision approved the draft Standing orders following the below amendments

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[Draft Standing Orders](#)

5.2 To approve the Financial Regulations

The council by unanimous decision approved the Draft Financial Regulations

[Financial Orders](#)

6. Reports

6.1 To receive District councillors report

District Councillors Julia Gooch and Gill Moseley had replied they would wait until Newent Town Council's Annual Parish Meeting to present a report

6.2 To receive a verbal update from the Cemetery Lodge working group

The Cemetery Lodge working Group update was noted

[Cemetery Lodge Report](#)

7. Work Report

7.1 To note the Estate Supervisors Work Report

The Estate Supervisors Work Report was noted

[Estates Supervisors Report](#)

7.2 To approve phase 1 of Newent Town Planting Scheme 2024/24 and approve any expenditure

The Council by unanimous decision approved the expenditure of no more than £800 from budget heading 220-4420 Tourism/Town Promotions to purchase supplies for phase 1 of the town planting scheme

8. Insurance Policy

8.1 To review and approve the proposed insurance cover relating to 12th April 2024 to 11th April 2025

Members were advised that the policy will be subject to change throughout the duration
The Council By unanimous decision approved the proposed insurance cover relating to 12th April 2024 to April 2025

8.2 To approve the expenditure for insurance cover relating to 12th April 2024 to 11th April 2025

Members were again advised that there will be adjustments throughout the contract when
Further items will require cover and the possibility of a claim for the damaged bus stop at Gloucester Street

The Council approved the expenditure of £5395.72 from budget heading 220-4330
Insurance

9. To consider Grant Applications

9.1 Canopy Arts

The Council resolved not to award the grant on this occasion

9.2 Newent in bloom

The Council resolved to award a grant of £500.00 to Newent in Bloom from budget heading 4860 section 137 donations

Cllrs Joshua Robertson and Samual Letchford left the meeting at this juncture

9.3 Newent Initiative trust

The Council resolved to award a grant of £10,000.00 from budget heading 4860 section 137 donations

Cllrs Joshua Robertson and Samual Letchford re-joined the meeting
Cllr Julia Gooch left the meeting at this juncture

9.4 Newent Panthers Netball

The Council resolved to award a grant of £1785.00 from budget heading 4860 section 137 donations

9.5 Newent Rugby Club (Mini /Junior Section)

The Council resolved not to award the grant on this occasion

Cllr Julia Gooch re-joined the meeting

9.6 Newent Young Farmers

The Council resolved not to award the grant on this occasion

Cllr Joshua Robertson left the meeting at this juncture

9.7 St Mary's Church

The Council resolved to award a grant of £2,500.00 from budget heading 4860 section 137 donations

Cllr Joshua Robertson re-joined the meeting

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 22nd April 2024 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 9.32 pm.

Signed:.....

Dated