



whitchurch town council

MINUTES: FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2022

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PRESENT

Councillors: J. De-Wyrall A. Hall (Chair) R. Hall A. Hotchkiss
A. Jackson P. Lea M. Ridgway G. Sullivan

Proper Officer: Mike McDonald

IN ATTENDANCE: Peggy Mullock – Shropshire County Councillor (Whitchurch North)
Gerald Dakin – Shropshire County Councillor (Whitchurch South)
D. Newman – Whitchurch Herald 1 Members of the public present

Councillor A Hall opened the meeting at 7.15pm.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Doyle, Ebbs, Phipps, Purt, Sample and Tew

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Councillors' Disclosure of Ordinary or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in relation to the agenda items in this meeting were received

3. Mayor and Member Update

The Mayor outlined activity since the previous meeting:

26th November Christmas Lights Switch-on, including associated events

The Mayor thanked all Councillors, WTC Staff, Volunteers and Community Groups who were involved in the preparation or delivery of the event.

Cllr A. Hall also congratulated Sheila Chase, who was chosen as Whitchurch "Citizen of the Year" by public vote, together with all those nominated.

Member Updates of recent activity:

N/A

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on 17th November 2022 were unanimously agreed and signed as an accurate record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr R. Hall

5. Public Participation

It was resolved that Standing Orders were suspended (Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr G. Sullivan – all in favour), whilst members of the public were invited to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of business being transacted at the meeting and about any other matter for which the Council has a responsibility.

Peggy Mullock

Spoke in relation to the planning matter on the agenda, to highlight a precedent in relation to pedestrian access only to Talbot Street – a condition placed on the old coal yard development in the same area, some years ago.

Cllr M Ridgway (to SCC)

The current state of pavements was highlight to, and noted by, Shropshire County Councillors present.

There being no further items, Standing Orders were reinstated. Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr Hotchkiss – all in favour

6. Planning Matters

Planning Application 22/04957/FUL (69No dwellings at land east of Prince William Close) was discussed, bearing in mind any representations from members of the public.

After consideration, it was unanimously **resolved** to object to the proposal on the same grounds cited for the previous iteration of the development (22/00989/FUL), with additional points:

1. The precedent regarding access highlighted by SC Mullock
2. Additional concerns regarding access should the development be approved:
 - a. During the building phase/s
 - b. When any future residents would be moving in
 - c. For ongoing access by Emergency Services

Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr Jackson. **WTC/FC/41/2223**

The Proper Officer was asked to submit comments on the Council's behalf prior to the deadline for doing so.

7. Governance Matters: Advisory / Working Group Chair Reports and Minutes

Cllr R. Hall gave a verbal update on the meeting of the Finance Advisory Group Meeting of 6th December – including Budget scrutiny for presentation at January's Full Council Meeting, and recommendations for Round 2 of the 2022/23 Small Community Grants Programme (on the agenda later in this meeting).

8. Governance Matters: Reversal of WTC/82/2122

The resolution made by Full Council at the Extraordinary Meeting of 30th September 2021 was considered. During discussion, it was clarified that this resolution related to material works on the structure of the Civic Centre building only.

It was unanimously **resolved** that the resolution remain extant whilst negotiations aligned to the Lease with Shropshire Council progress, with all other expenditure subject to definitions contained within Financial Regulations and WTC Scheme of Delegation.

For the time being, any proposed structural or cosmetic works on Civic Centre building infrastructure could be approved by the appropriate delegated individual or group if clearly defined as 'emergency' or 'essential' (e.g. for Health & Safety of building users). Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr Sullivan. **WTC/FC/42/2223**

9. Financial Matters: Financial Management Information (Month 8)

It was noted that year-to-date financial information (Month 8) from Rialtas was received.

10. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters. For this section, the Council resolves itself into Committee, per s1 (6) of the Act. Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr De-Wyrall – all in favour.

11. Financial Matters: Proposed Projects in the 2022/23 Financial Year

The Awards for Round 2 of the 2022/23 Small Community Grants Programme was considered, alongside recommendations from the recent Finance Advisory Group.

It was **unanimously** agreed to grant the following awards based on those recommendations:

Walkers are Welcome	£200 (plus use of facilities for event)
Community Resource	£200
Wingate Special Children's Trust	£200
Bradbury Day Centre	£200 (upon purchase of equipment)

The Proper Officer was asked to progress with respective applicants. Proposed Cllr R. Hall, seconded Cllr Jackson. **WTC/FC/43(C)/2223**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chair: _____

Date: _____