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FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR FULL COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT Cllrs: M McDonald (Mayor), B Duffy, T Harris, T Neville, T O'Neill, G Stockton, J Sinnott and A Chesters.

IN ATTENDANCE

Stephen Platt - Town Clerk

Barrie White – Whitchurch Herald (PRESS)

Paul Sutton - (Shropshire Housing Group)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Rigley – Prior appointment

Cllr Slater – Prior appointment

Cllr Stones – Prior appointment

Cllr Ebbs – Prior appointment

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stockton expressed an interest in item 8

3. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Neville, seconded by Cllr Duffy. It was **WTC/61/1516 RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on **15th Oct 2015** be signed as a true and accurate record thereof of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citizen of the Year: Cllr McDonald thanked the Herald and in particular Barrie White for their supporting of the Citizen of the Year.

Remembrance Sunday (8th Nov 2015): Thanks were also given by Cllr McDonald for Remembrance Sunday in particular the good turnout. The Mayor also wished to note thanks for the work of Cllr Harris and the Whitchurch Cemetery Board for their efforts in the maintaining of the cemetery.

Diabetes UK North Shropshire Launch (13th Nov 2015): The group was recently launched with a meeting at the Civic Centre which was very well attended.

Paris Terrorist Attacks: Cllr McDonald reported that he had sent an email to the Mayor of Neufchatel-en-Bray, Xavier Lefrancois, on behalf of Whitchurch. This was well received.

Civic Service 2016: Cllr McDonald announced a Civic Service at St Alkmund's Church on Sunday June 12th 2016. This event, during "Party in the Park" weekend coincides with the 90th birthday of the Queen, Elizabeth II and is the conclusion to a week celebrating the history of St Alkmund's and the Talbots.

6. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

None

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

After a proposal by Cllr Neville and seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **WTC/62/1516 RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders.

8. PRESENTATION FROM SHROPSHIRE HOUSING

Paul Sutton (Shropshire Housing Group) gave a presentation on the new provision of housing within Whitchurch. Paul asked for WTC to work with the Housing Group for help in identifying land for new affordable housing needs.

It was proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr O'Neill **WTC/63/1516 RESOLVED** to resume standing orders.

9. ROOF/CANOPY ON BALCONY

This was removed from the agenda.

10. WIFI IN THE MARKET HALL & CIVIC CENTRE

The Clerk gave an update presentation to Cllrs about the recent temporary installation of Wi-Fi into the Market Hall, which has been greatly received by the Friday stallholders; as well as getting a quote for the installation of Wi-Fi in the Hub, Theatre and the two function rooms upstairs. We are still awaiting a price from the company approached.

11. MONEY FOR ADVERTISING FRIDAY MARKET

The Clerk had looked at the budget but was courteously informing Cllrs to the increase in advertising that will be appearing to advertise our Friday market.

12. SALC MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk asked that the precept include a membership fee to SALC to help protect the Clerk's Office. It was proposed by Cllr Chesters that this would be looked at and accommodated in readiness for the 2016/17 Precept. **WTC/64/1516 RESOLVED** this was seconded by Cllr O'Neill.

13. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

None

14. REPORT FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Harris attended the Jane Higginson Trust and reported on the schemes they are supporting which includes the Duke of Edinburgh awards as well as those good causes within Whitchurch. Cllr Duffy attended Remembrance Sunday.

15. MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

- **Planning**

Cllr Harris presented the Minutes and thanked the Clerk for his research in respect of a particular application received and commented on by WTC. A proposal by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Neville; it was **WTC/65/1516 RESOLVED** to agree the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015.

- **Heritage**

Cllr Duffy presented the Minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr O'Neill; it was **WTC/66/1516/RESOLVED** to agree the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2015.

16. OFFER ON LAND ON EDWARD GERMAN DRIVE

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting with Barbers who have advised that the asking price for the land on Edward German Drive be dropped in price. This was proposed by Cllr McDonald to accept the advice received and drop the asking price; this was seconded by Cllr Harris **WTC/67/1516 RESOLVED**. The Clerk was asked to inform Barbers of the reduction in asking price.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- Nicole Woodward
- JA Conner Events
- Wendy Proffitt
- Statistics from the police
- Helen Brockman

18. TO RECEIVE THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MONTH 7

A proposal by Cllr Sinnott and seconded by Cllr Chesters; it was **WTC/68/1516 RESOLVED** agreed to accept accounts for month 7.

19. 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. It was proposed by Cllr Sinnott seconded by Cllr O'Neill; it was **WTC/69/1516 RESOLVED** to go into Private Session.

20. CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON THE CIVIC CENTRE

To discuss further matters involving the Civic Centre.

21. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BAR

To discuss what is a private matter.

There being further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm

Chairman..... Date.....