



OSWESTRY

town council

15th May 2018

Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Town Council will be held on **Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Oswestry.**

David J Preston
Town Clerk

Business of the meeting:

PRAYERS

Previous to the commencement of the meeting Prayers will be led by the Mayor's Chaplain.

PUBLIC SESSION

For 15 minutes previous to the commencement of the meeting, members of the public are invited to question the Council on local issues etc. Questions will be answered by The Mayor, Chairmen of Standing Committees or Town Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

3. **MINUTES**

To confirm minutes of meetings held on:

23rd April 2018

Copy OTC/08/18 to follow

4. **TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

To answer any questions in accordance with Standing Orders upon which formal notice has been given.

5. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS**

Update from local Shropshire Councillors C Aspinall, V Hunt, and J Price on any policies, consultation or general matter relating to Shropshire Council.

6. **STANDING ORDER AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS REVIEW**

NALC has recently published a new set of model Standing Orders for Parish, Town and Community Councils. These reflect upon substantial changes in the sector that include GDPR and recording of Council meetings, etc.

The Council has already indicated a willingness to review both Standing Orders and Financial Regulations during 2018.

It is suggested that the Chairman's Group be delegated authority to undertake the review with a formal report and draft to come before the Council in the early autumn.

7. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018/19**

To formally receive and adopt a Schedule of Meetings.

Copy report TC/3514/18 attached

8. **TO TRANSACT ALL SUCH BUSINESS**

a) **Appointment of Committees and Sub Committees**

To appoint the following Committees and Sub Committees – retiring Members listed.

1. **Development and Planning**

All Members.

2. **Amenities**
All Members.
3. **Finance and General Purposes**
All Members.
4. **Markets and Town Centre**
All Members.
5. **Chairman's Group**
The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of all Standing Committees.
6. **Appeals Committee**
To be appointed on a need basis.
7. **Disciplinary Committee**
To be appointed on a need basis.
8. **Leisure and Amenities Sub-Committee (Youth Music Festival)**
 - a) To be renamed Oswestry Youth Music Festival Committee.
 - b) The Mayor, Councillor S Best, Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Price. Councillors P Cherrington, C Schofield, M Jones, S Mason, J Moore, B Edwards, M Coppock, D P Milner and one vacancy.
9. **Markets, Performance and Liaison Panel**
Volunteers to be appointed (day time meetings).
10. **Audit, Procurement and Performance Panel**
The Mayor, Councillor S Best, Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Price. Councillors C Aspinall, O Rose, and two vacancies.

11. Cae Glas Park Management Group

The Mayor, Councillor S Best, Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Price. Councillors P Cherrington, C Schofield, S Mason, M Isherwood and one vacancy.

12. Cemetery Management Group

The Mayor, Councillor S Best, Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Price. Councillors P Cherrington, C Schofield, C Aspinall, D P Milner and one vacancy.

13. Local Joint Committee

The Mayor, Councillor S Best. Councillors J Moore, M Isherwood, N Hughes, S Mason and one vacancy.

14. Local Joint Committee Reserve

Councillor P Cherrington.

15. Gatacre Allotments Liaison Committee

The Mayor, Councillor S Best, Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Price. Councillors S Mason, J Moore and D P Milner.

16. IT Procurement Group

The Mayor, Councillor S Best, Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Price. Councillors N Hughes, C Aspinall, P Cherrington and D P Milner.

17. Oswestry Health Group

Councillors V Hunt, D Kerr and C Schofield.

b) APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint representatives on outside bodies.

1. Area Committee of Parish and Town Councils

The Mayor, Councillor S Best. Councillor D P Milner.

2. Oswestry in Bloom

Councillors P Cherrington and S Mason.

3. **Oswestry Twinning Association**

The Mayor, Councillor S Best. Councillors C Schofield and B Edwards.

4. **Shrewsbury-Chester Rail Users' Association**

Councillor P Cherrington.

5. **Oswestry and District Access Group**

Councillor O Rose.

6. **Oswestry Borderland Tourism**

Councillor B Edwards and one vacancy.

7. **Oswestry Chamber of Commerce**

Councillor D P Milner.

8. **Oswestry Townscape and Tourism**

Councillors C Schofield and D P Milner.

9. **Christmas Lighting**

Councillor Mrs R Evans, S Mason, J Moore and one vacancy.

10. **Old Oswestry Hillfort**

Councillor B Edwards.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

To adopt the below minutes:

Development and Planning Committee

4th April 2018

Copy DPC/13/18 to follow

Finance & General Purposes Committee

5th March 2018

Copy FGP/07/18 to follow

10. OSWESTRY HEALTH GROUP

Report on a meeting of the Oswestry Health Group held on 23rd March 2018.

Copy report Appendix 'A' attached

11. OSWESTRY SOLAR PROJECT – PUBLIC MEETING

To receive an update report from the Assistant Town Clerk on the public meeting as held on 19th April 2018 and to note ongoing action.

Copy report TC/3520/18 attached

12. OSWESTRY BALLOON CARNIVAL

Following the Council's commitment to the above event, arrangements are proceeding.

Copy update report from Assistant Town Clerk TC/3521/18 attached

13. FUTURE FIT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As instructed, an invitation has been forwarded to Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Defend our NHS to hold a public meeting in Oswestry. Linda Senior of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Defend our NHS has confirmed that they would be interested in sharing the stage at a public meeting and it is hoped that at the time of the Council meeting a date may be available for diary purposes. The questions submitted by the Council have been forwarded on to Shropshire CCG, but at the time of preparing the agenda, a response is outstanding.

14. SURE START CHILDREN'S CENTRES SERVICES CONSULTATION

Following initial responses from the Town Council, it is noted that Consultation on the above will commence on 29th May 2018 and run for six weeks. Some 25 public meetings will be undertaken by Shropshire Council from 4th June to 12th July 2018. The Council is asked to acknowledge that the Consultation is to take place and agree the mechanism upon which its response to the Consultation will be made.

**SCHEDULE OF
MEETINGS 2018-19**

DATE	MEETING
MAY	
Mon 21st	Council & Extra Development & Planning
JUNE	
Wed 6th	Markets & Town Centre and Extra Development & Planning
Mon 18th	Finance & General Purposes
Wed 27th	Amenities & Cae Glas Charity
JULY	
Wed 4th	Development & Planning
Wed 11th	Markets & Town Centre
Mon 16th	Council and Extra Development & Planning
AUGUST	
Wed 8th	Development & Planning
SEPTEMBER	
Mon 3rd	Finance & General Purposes
Wed 12th	Amenities and Extra Development & Planning
Wed 19th	Markets & Town Centre
OCTOBER	
Wed 3rd	Development & Planning
Mon 15th	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 22nd	Council
NOVEMBER	
Wed 7th	Budget & Policy Seminar
Wed 14th	Amenities and Extra Development & Planning
Wed 21st	Markets & Town Centre
DECEMBER	
Mon 3rd	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 17th	Development and Planning (followed by refreshments)

6.00 pm Seminar

**SCHEDULE OF
MEETINGS 2018-19**

JANUARY	MEETING
Mon 14th	Finance & General Purposes and Council Budget Setting
Wed 23rd	Amenities and Extra Development & Planning
Mon 28th	Council
FEBRUARY	
Wed 6th	Markets & Town Centre
Wed 13th	Development & Planning
MARCH	
Mon 4th	Finance & General Purposes
Wed 6th	Amenities & Cae Glas Charities
Wed 13th	Markets & Town Centre
APRIL	
Wed 3rd	Development & Planning
Wed 17th	Annual Town Meeting
MAY	
Mon 13th	Annual Mayor Making

OSWESTRY HEALTH GROUP

Minutes of a meeting of the Oswestry Health Group held on Friday 23rd March 2018 at 12 noon in the Council Chamber, the Guildhall, Oswestry.

PRESENT: The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP (Chair)
 Arren Roberts – *Oswestry Town Council*
 Councillor Vince Hunt – *Oswestry Town Council / Shropshire Council*
 Councillor Chris Schofield – *Oswestry Town Council*
 Councillor Paul Milner – *Oswestry Town Council*
 Pippa Wall – *West Midlands Ambulance Service*
 Julie Davies – *Clinical Commissioning Group*
 Sarah Lloyd – *Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust*
 David Coull – *Coverage Care Services*
 Liz Grayston – *Save Oswestry Maternity Unit*
 Amy White / Rakhee Jones – *Designs in Mind*
 Shelly Ramtuhul – *RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital*
 James Bradbury – *The Caxton Surgery*
 Miss B Y Gull
 Mirka Duxberry – *Shropshire Council / Oswestry Library*
 Siobhan Shaw – *Shropshire Council / Oswestry Library*
 Carla Shinton – *Physiological Measurements*
 Clare Bristol – *Physiological Measurements*

1. WELCOME

A warm welcome was extended by the Chairman, The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP, to all those in attendance. This was his first meeting since his recent injury and he expressed a note of thanks to the RJAH Hospital for the high level of care provided adding that he was putting them forward for an award.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given by:

Heather Rodenhurst – *Oswestry Library*
 Ros Preen – *Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust*
 Jo Banks – *SATH*
 Sarah Jamieson – *SATH*
 Catherine Wilkes – *Designs in Mind*
 Councillor Neil Graham
 Kevin Morris – *The Cambrian Health Centre*

3. MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 26th January 2018 were confirmed and signed.

4. MATERNITY SERVICES

Owen Paterson asked if Julie Davies from the CCG could provide a short update in the absence of any representation from SATH.

Julie Davies told the group that some of the staff shortages in maternity services were well reported and that these had had an impact, resulting in the temporary closure of some MLU's. She added that on the separate matter of the review and redesign of the maternity services model, the CCG was following a due -diligence process with NHS England undertaking assurances testing with a plan due to go to the Joint Overview Committee following their (NHS England) approval.

Liz Grayston from the Save Oswestry Maternity Unit highlighted the groups concerns over the frequent closure and re-opening of the MLU at the RJ&AH. but also expressed concerns over postnatal care and the cut in the number of beds set out in the plan for MLU's, noting the importance of good postnatal care on the emotional and physical well-being of a mother.

A discussion ensued on the data and statistics which indicated that most expectant mothers chose to give birth at a Consultant led unit rather than at an MLU.

In summing up Owen Paterson stated that the Oswestry Health Group's position on this matter was that they felt that beds should be provided at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen giving mothers the option of 48 hours of postnatal care and support.

It was also requested that Jo Banks from SATH be invited to provide more detail regarding recruitment of midwives at the next Oswestry Health Group meeting.

5. WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE (WMAS)

Pippa Wall, Head of Strategic Planning at West Midlands Ambulance Service was in attendance and provided a detailed update to the Group. The update provided information against a number of issues which impact on WMAS's performance, policies and strategy.

Pippa Wall highlighted that the service had been rated as outstanding by the Care Quality Commission and that WMAS was the only ambulance service in the country to have achieved this rating. She added that the service was continually looking at areas where improvements could be made and that these were detailed in an action plan.

In particular this service has been working on improving patient transport and on ambulance response times in a programme of improvement.

The ambulance response times (as detailed in the handout provided) were discussed in detail by the Health Group who looked at performance of

category 1, category 2, 3 and 4 response time targets and standards and compared these against the actual performance achieved.

Whilst overall, across the WMAS area, performance was good, the group focussed on those areas i.e. category 1 and category 2 standards where performance in the Oswestry area (SY11 SY10) was lower than elsewhere in the region. Pippa Wall added that category 1 performance targets were difficult to achieve in Oswestry due to the distance that ambulances have to travel adding, however, that it was still comparatively comparable with the England mean.

The group asked a number of questions regarding this performance asking whether delays are due to the Welsh Ambulance Service being supported by WMAS. Questions were also asked on the condition of the ambulance fleet together with the role of community first responders and paramedics.

Pippa Wall noted that there was ongoing liaison with the Welsh Ambulance Service (WAS) and that WMAS did send Ambulances into Wales but that this was a reciprocal arrangement and the WAS did provide a service in the WMAS area.

It was reported that the ambulance fleet was in good condition and that generally speaking, due to the over recruitment of paramedics that each ambulance will have a paramedic on board. The Community First Responder service (whilst being a critically important service in a rural area) has seen a reduction in the number of volunteers coming forward and it was noted that the training requirements and demands were putting people off from applying. However it was noted that there are over 1000 Community First Responders in the region and the changes (training) were due to statutory changes rather than local requirements.

The group expressed concern that patients in Oswestry with a category 1 or category 2 conditions were receiving a slower response time than elsewhere in the West Midlands region and questioned how a different model could be delivered given that services were commissioned at a regional level and delivered at an urban standard rather than a rural standard.

In summing up the considerable discussion and debate about the ambulance response times, Owen Paterson requested that the performance statistics for Oswestry were benchmarked against other rural areas reiterating some of the Health Groups concerns that statistics suggested that people who were ill and lived in rural areas received a different standard of service than those in urban areas. It was also requested that the presentation delivered by WMAS be sent electronically to all members of the Health Group.

6. WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST

There was nobody in attendance from the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

7. CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG)

An update was provided by Dr Julie Davies on behalf of Shropshire CCG. She reported that the deficit forecast for 18/19 had grown by an additional £5million by the year end despite significant (£17million) in year savings being achieved. The financial situation surrounding the Trust was extremely challenging with between £13million and £18million worth of savings needed (as a minimum) in 18/19. Julie Davis highlighted the ongoing work in terms of shaping the Out of Hospital model of provision noting that a number of meetings had been held to discuss the way forward. She added that a Task and Finish Group had reviewed the high level model, and that this would be better defined by the end of June. This model is impacted on and by the Urgent Care model which would also be clearer towards the autumn 2018.

Julie Davies highlighted the positive work on the Child and Adolescence Mental Health Services (CAMHS) following a detailed recovery action plan resulting in the reduction in the back log of cases but that it was also clear that more work in this area was required.

An update on Future Fit was also provided with NHS England and NHS Improvement heavily involved in the process supporting the CCG. An announcement on the preferred model would be followed by full public consultation.

It was also noted that significant savings have been made from efficiencies in Continuing Healthcare and these were achieved by process improvements and not via changes to service delivery. Between £3-£4million had also been saved through changes in the musculoskeletal services which historically had seen over medicalisation of patients. The implementation of the new prescribing service had delivered savings and the Frailty Front Door approach had seen a reduction in the number of patients being admitted into hospital was also delivering savings.

8. SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS TRUST

Sarah Lloyd, Deputy Director of Finance, was in attendance and provided an update on the car parking problems at the Health Centre noting that some progress had been made in discussions with the landlord to look at the different options available which would work for all partners involved. Despite these discussions, there was no resolution in the short term to report on. It was also noted that the process for the selection of a transaction partner was progressing with South Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS Trust being the preferred partner, the process was being overseen and scrutinised by the Regulator.

9. SHROPSHIRE PARTNERS IN CARE

David Coull of Coverage Care Services Limited highlighted positive feedback on the trusted advisor discharge approach noting that improvements had been implemented which had provided some additional options if the

discharge was not deemed appropriate by the provider. The New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) were having an impact on resources however support was being provided by Shropshire Council. He also finally reported on a project which focussed on dementia care for LGBT residents/patients.

In response to a question from the Chairman, asking how busy services had been during January and February this year, David Coull reported that they had more vacancies than anticipated. The evidence suggesting that this is a result of the focus on providing care at home was working but highlighted the need for more domiciliary care workers and social workers. It also suggested the need for a discussion about the future of care homes as demands change in the future with possibly more of an emphasis on high support care.

10. **ROBERT JONES & AGNES HUNT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

Trust Secretary, Shelley Ramtuhul, gave an overview of issues at the RJ&AH Hospital and highlighted the ongoing focus on the conservative management of patients. The expansion of the Community Musculoskeletal service had also delivered benefits.

She added that the dedicated outpatients service for veterans had started, that the CCQ inspection result would be known shortly and that a recent staff survey had shown some really positive results.

In response Owen Paterson noted that he had been a patient at the hospital for 3 weeks and extended a note of thanks for the exceptional level of care provided and that he had nominated the hospital for the Care in the Community Award.

11. **GENERAL PRACTICE**

James Bradbury from the Caxton Service highlighted that the Caxton Surgery had moved to the pod, prescription on demand, service from 1st February and that the transition had been smooth although some patients had a number of queries. He also added that more patients had signed up for online services and that the prescription on demand service had seemed to save 10%, finally noting that there were significant benefits from not being an early adopter. Highlighting future challenges, James Bradbury noted that easy access (extended access time) would prove to be a challenge particularly in terms of workforce planning and there are a number of options were being considered; this would be for the CCG, Clinical Commissioning Group to commission this service for extended hours.

12. **PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENTS LIMITED (PML)**

Attendees Carla Shinton and Clare Bristoll reported that their service had won an award for outstanding achievement and that they were extending the cardio monitoring service to the Cambrian surgery.

13. DESIGNS IN MIND

Amy White and Rakhee Jones from Designs in Mind gave a short presentation on the work of the organisation and their ongoing campaign #smashingstigma. Both Amy and Rakhee are service users and used the presentation to highlight how Designs in Mind had supported them personally.

Amy and Rakhee summarised the progress that the service was making highlighting the growth of Designs in Mind which included the new presence on the high street, Jolt.

Designs in Mind have a number of objectives with Jolt. The new venture had seen a boost to the organisation and to the service users who have seen their high quality goods sold on the high street and it is also creating a safe place for people to talk about their own mental health. This had a knock on effect of seeing an increase demand on services and as a result Designs in Mind had opened up a new drop in session for new service users. It was noted that the service had strong support from GP's and from the CCG and that there were demonstrable benefits.

14. OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Siobhan Shaw, Library Branch Manager, and Mirka Duxberry from Shropshire Council / Oswestry Library had been invited to provide the group with an update on the Social Prescribing Programme. In summary they highlighted that the library was also referring into the Social Prescribing Programme and was also receiving referrals. Oswestry Library were working with Help 2 Change and they would be shortly relaunching their books on prescription service.

15. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CABINET

There were no additional updates to be given.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was being held on Friday 18th May 2018 at 12 noon in the Council Chamber, the Guildhall, Oswestry.

OSWESTRY TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK TO COUNCIL 21st MAY 2018

OSWESTRY SOLAR PROJECT – UPDATE REPORT

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the project following the recent public meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Council agreed to investigate the potential for a Community Energy Scheme for Oswestry and established a small working group of Members to investigate the feasibility and to report back to Council.

At the January meeting of the Amenities Committee, Members received the minutes of the Oswestry Solar Working Group and copy report **TC/3467/18**.

For completeness, the Amenities Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations made by the Oswestry Solar Project Working Group:

- That the Council progress the project and submits an application to the Rural Community Energy Fund for a grant to cover the cost of a feasibility study;
- In moving the recommendations, the Amenities Committee noted that it was also accepting the requirements for pre-feasibility work i.e. developing a brief for professional support, the selection and appointment of a consultant which is conditional on a successful application and community engagement work including discussions with Shropshire Council.

This report provides an update on the community engagement work i.e. public meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The advice from WRAP (Waste Reduction Action Partnership), who administer the feasibility grant funding, is that “being able to demonstrate that some community engagement has taken place and the project, in principle, has support, is useful at the full application stage but not essential”.

To this end an Open Public Meeting was held on Thursday 19th April 2018 at the Parish Centre, St Oswalds to better understand the level of public support. The event was publicised primarily via social media and through direct invitation; a number of posters were also put up in the town and a press release issued.

The meeting was led by members of the Working Group who shared their vision for the project with attendees who also heard from Jeremy Thorp from Sharenergy who

gave a presentation which included information on the positive and negative elements of Community Energy Schemes and Solar PV.

Reported benefits included, reduced energy costs, community ownership and involvement, potential financial gains for investors and increased production of energy from renewable sources. A number of challenges were also highlighted for example complex legal agreements with potential installation sites, the loss of the feed in tariffs and the need to find suitable buildings with owners/tenants who use enough electricity to make investment cost-effective.

A question and answer session was independently facilitated by Heather Noble and this promoted a lengthy discussion and many questions which the Solar Working Group will need to consider (and, where relevant, build into the process) when they next meet on 23rd May 2018.

33 people attended the meeting, including 8 Oswestry Town Councillors. Those attending were asked how they would like to be involved in the project in the future with a significant proportion expressing an interest in being involved in the operation of a potential scheme. It was clear that attendees felt that the feasibility study into establishing a Community Energy Scheme in Oswestry should be carried out.

NEXT STEPS

The process, in terms of applying for funding and carrying out a feasibility study, is very clearly defined by WRAP and the next step is for the Solar Working Group to submit a pre-application questionnaire. Once this is completed then a full application will be submitted and potential consultants chosen to undertake the feasibility study should the funding bid be successful.

SUMMARY

Members are asked to note the progress made on the project and further update reports will be provided at future meetings.

Arren Roberts
Assistant Town Clerk

OSWESTRY TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK TO COUNCIL 21st MAY 2018

OSWESTRY BALLOON CARNIVAL – UPDATE REPORT

PURPOSE

To provide Members with an update report on the Oswestry Balloon Carnival.

BACKGROUND

At the Special Meeting of the Council on 18th December 2017, Members agreed to the Council being a partner in the Oswestry Balloon Carnival. Council also agreed that a budget of £10,000 be available as funding towards the event recognising that it provides an opportunity for a significant new attraction for the town centre in 2018.

Officers have been working with the other principal partners:

- Nightingale House;
- Cloud Nine Balloons;
- Lindstrand Technologies.

UPDATE

Given that this is a new event, the focus of the partnership has been on developing a framework for the Carnival which will run on the Saturday and Sunday of the August Bank Holiday.

Balloons will fly from Cae Glas Park on Saturday and Sunday morning and later in the afternoon on both days. There has been significant interest in the event from balloonists and a number of shaped balloons will be making an appearance over the skies of Oswestry (weather permitting). There will be balloon inflation races prior to the evening flights and the Saturday evening nightglow display will be the highlight of the weekend.

To support the balloon activities Nightingale House will be running a family fun zone at the top end of the Park with a number of small fair rides, games and stalls.

Market Place Europe will operate a continental market along part of Church Street and a continental food and drink court from the Park.

Festival Square has been rented for the weekend, and will be utilised with some fair rides on the car park and live music on the front.

To ensure that this is a whole town event there will be a strong market presence on the Bailey Head, on Bailey Street and Cross Street with music and entertainment on at different times and locations throughout the weekend.

Given that this is new event and a new partnership then it is pleasing that this framework has been agreed; however, now the detail needs to be worked up.

KEY TASKS AND CHALLENGES

Shropshire Council have given consent to the closure of Church Street from Friday evening to Sunday evening; the Council will need to work with local businesses and to ensure that there is some controlled access over the weekend.

An outline agreement has been reached with Marketplace Europe and Nightingale House are dealing with applications from traders for the Family Fun Zone.

Oswestry Town Council are working with its regular entertainers to put on a programme of activity.

As part of their sponsorship of the event, Amberon are providing security fencing for the balloon arena in the park, stewarding of the event has been organised as well as first aid cover.

Sponsorship take up has been a little slow; a variety of sponsorship packages are still available for local businesses – Lindstrand Technologies and Nightingale House are leading this work.

With the event being held in the middle of the town, the logistical arrangements for the event need to be considered e.g. car parking, trader car parking. The effective management of the entrance (and) exit into the park will be important and this will be stewarded throughout the weekend with a schedule produced to help avoid traffic problems along Welsh Walls.

Emergency planning and event management plans are being drafted and a meeting set up with the local constabulary to discuss the event.

SUMMARY

Members are asked to note the progress made on the project and further update reports will be provided at future meetings.

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Assistant Town Clerk