

16<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Town Council will be held on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Oswestry.**

David J Preston  
Town Clerk

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Business of the meeting:

**PRAYERS**

Previous to the commencement of the meeting, and on behalf of the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Simon Thorburn, Prayers will be led by Bill Bowen.

**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 a meeting held on:

20 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	-	<b>Copy OTC/02/13 attached</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2013	-	<b>Copy OTC/03/13 to follow</b>

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**

To receive any update or relevant information on Shropshire Council matters from local Shropshire Council Members.

6. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

To adopt the below minutes:

Markets and Car Parks Committee

20 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	-	<b>MCP/01/13 (previously supplied)</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	-	<b>MCP/02/13 (previously supplied)</b>

Finance and General Purposes Committee

20 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	-	<b>FGP/01/13 (previously supplied)</b>
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Development and Planning

20 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	-	<b>Copy DPC/01/13 attached</b>
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Amenities

20 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	-	<b>AC/01/13 (previously supplied)</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2013	-	<b>AC/02/13 (previously supplied)</b>

**Members are asked to bring to the meeting copies of minutes as previously circulated. Duplicate copies are available, if necessary, in advance of the meeting, from the Office.**

## **7. FAIRTRADE STATUS**

Letter from Julia Haslam, Acting Secretary to Oswestry and District Fairtrade Group.

Oswestry received its Fairtrade status in May 2006. A reapplication is now required.

The Town Council's support is essential to this process and the Council has to give an indication:

- That it uses Fairtrade products eg tea and coffee in all offices;
- That it will assist in promoting the sale and use of Fairtrade products in the town;
- That Councillors will attend public events and Fairtrade Group meetings if possible;
- To support local farmers and food producers, although it is considered that the Council does it well already.

The Council is invited to reaffirm its support for the application for Oswestry to renew its Fairtrade status.

## **8. NALC – “A NEW FUTURE: DEVELOPING THE STRATEGY”**

Email from the Executive Officer at NALC confirming that a discussion paper was adopted by the National Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 for consultation. Responses are required by the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013. These will be reported to the Executive Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and then National Council on the 1st October 2013.

The National Chairman would like the consultation to be as wide-ranging as possible and therefore all member councils are invited to respond.

**Copy information attached Appendix ‘A’**

## **9. FRIENDS OF OSWESTRY LIBRARY**

Letter from Stephen Haworth, Chair of the recently formed Friends of Oswestry Library Group. The Group would like to raise, with the Council, their concern about the largely vacant building above and adjacent to the new Library. Ideally they would like to request a review of the building, perhaps in partnership with the Town Council but particularly in terms of its potential use as a community resource.

**Copy letter attached Appendix ‘B’**

**10. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – SAMDev REVISED PREFERRED OPTIONS DRAFT – JULY 2013**

Information from Shropshire Council in the form of the 3<sup>rd</sup> “Revised Preferred Options” stage of the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev Plan). The document deals with any changes to the strategies for growth in towns, hubs and clusters and changes to preferred options for sites for new development following the extensive consultation and engagement in 2012.

The Revised Preferred Option SAMDev Plan is now out for public consultation for 8 weeks until 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013 and comments are sought only on matters that have changed since the preferred options consultation in 2012.

**Copy information attached Appendix ‘C’**

The full document can be viewed at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/samdev](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/samdev).

**11. STANDING ORDERS**

To confirm a revision in Standing Orders following consideration by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**Copy revised Standing Orders to follow Appendix ‘D’**

**12. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

To revise Financial Regulations as is current practice at the commencement of each Council term.

**Existing Financial Regulations attached Appendix ‘E’**

**13. SOLAR ENERGY**

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor W Benyon.

*“I am totally convinced that solar energy has a big part to play in our future energy supplies.*

*I ask this Council to consider fitting solar panels both to the Powis Hall and Guildhall. It would be an excellent return of investment for money derived from the Smithfield development.*

*I am currently fitting 16 solar panels with a return on my investment of nearly 14%. I ask my fellow Councillors to give this idea serious consideration.”*

**14. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

In view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted which would involve the likely disclosure of confidential information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they be asked to withdraw.

**COUNCIL IN PRIVATE SESSION**

15. **PRIVATE SESSION MINUTES**
16. **OSWESTRY JOINT ECONOMIC BOARD**
17. **AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**