

19th November 2020

Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Town Council via video conference call, using Zoom, will be held at **7.00 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. Please note that this meeting will be recorded for administrative purposes but will be deleted once the draft minutes have been approved.

Members of the public will be able to join this meeting by clicking on the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87223958912>

Meeting ID: 872 2395 8912

For the confidential element of the meeting, press and public will be disconnected from the meeting.

The link will be available from 6:45 pm to allow any technological problems to be resolved.



Arren Roberts  
Town Clerk

## **Business of the meeting:**

### **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. Presentation from The Marches School**

Alison Pearson Headteacher, and Darryn Robinson Deputy Headteacher, will be in attendance to provide Council with an overview of their community project.

#### **4. Minutes**

To confirm minutes of a meeting held on:

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2020          Copy OTC/06/20 attached**

#### **5. To Answer Any Questions**

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

#### **6. Shropshire Council Matters**

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

## **7. Standing Committees**

To adopt the below minutes:

Development and Planning Committee

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**DPC/05/20 previously supplied**

## **8. Free Christmas Parking**

Council are asked to consider requests made by Oswestry BID and Oswestry Chamber of Commerce for free Christmas parking. In 2019 Oswestry Town Council provided free parking on each Saturday in December in the lead up to Christmas. This proved popular and was easily implemented and would provide free weekend parking on Town Council car parks on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of December. It is currently difficult to provide Members with a reasonable estimate of the lost revenue should it agree, but the figure could be in the region of £6,000 upwards.

## **9. The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry**

The Council have previously been supportive of temporarily relaxing the user restriction clause on the land at Oak Street to allow wider community use. Whilst Shropshire Council have not written to the Council, one of the community organisers (Designs in Mind) have. Council are asked to consider relaxing the user restriction clause up to the end of May 2021, which would allow Shropshire Council to accommodate use of the centre for community groups.

## **10. Notices of Motions**

### **a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D Kerr**

“Whilst the Council is appreciative of the actions of the police to try and resolve the disturbance being caused by the anti-social driving of motor vehicles on Central Car Park it is apparent that problems have not yet been eliminated and in recognition of the severity of the situation the Council formally requests Shropshire Unitary Council to seek a Public Space Protection Order under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which would then prohibit this activity and

increase enforcement powers. This type of action has been successfully used by many other Councils (see for example <https://www.chiltern.gov.uk/article/8774/Public-Space-Protection-Order-agreed-to-combat-anti-social-behaviour-in-car-parks>).

**b) Motion in the name of Councillor M Isherwood**

“Formally acknowledging the petition raised by a local student, this Council instructs officers to produce a report on the feasibility of providing facilities, either indoor, outdoor, or covered, for the use of skateboard, scooter and bike riders.”

**11. Hope House Donation**

To receive a letter of thanks from Hope House.

**Copy letter of thanks attached Appendix A**

**12. Markets**

a) To consider a report from the Retail Markets and Events Manager setting out a series of actions to support Oswestry Market traders in the short term.

**Copy report TC/3951/20 attached**

b) To consider a report from the Retail Markets and Events Manager setting out revisions to the market licences in line with the Council’s decision to permit the sale of alcohol.

**Copy report TC/3952/20 attached**

**13. Standing Orders**

The Annual Internal Audit Report highlights differences between the Standing Orders adopted by Council in 2018 and those on the website. Whilst these are relatively minor there is a need to ensure

that Council agree the published Standing Orders as per the auditors' recommendation. The document has also been updated to reflect the changes to the Council's grants and donations policy and reflect amendments made to Financial Regulations earlier in the year.

**Standing Orders attached Appendix B**

## **14. Notes of Meetings**

### **a) Local Plan Seminar**

Notes of the Local Plan Seminar held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

**Copy notes attached Appendix C**

### **b) Youth Services Contract Monitoring Group**

Notes of the Youth Services Contract Monitoring Group held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

**Copy notes attached Appendix D**

### **c) Hope Church Seminar**

Notes of the Hope House Seminar held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Copy notes attached Appendix E**

## **15. Consultations**

To consider responses to the following consultations:

### **a) Community and Rural Strategy**

Shropshire Council is inviting feedback on a draft strategy designed to reflect the rural nature of our county, and to set out shared priorities for the future.

In the summer of 2019, Shropshire Council started work with a range of partner organisations to develop an evidence base and identify shared priorities. Workshops were held with town and parish councils, elected councillors, voluntary and community sector groups and organisations, and Shropshire Business Board to consider the issues most important to our local communities. The data, information and feedback obtained from across the county has been used to inform the draft Community and Rural Strategy.

This consultation is open for 8 weeks and opens on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and is due to close on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The consultation aims to build on the engagement work undertaken to date and allow members of the public and a wider range of local stakeholders to comment on the draft document.

All feedback will be considered, and any changes proposed to allow a final document to be formally agreed by Shropshire Council's Cabinet in early 2021.

Feedback will be collected through a survey or email/ post. You can find out more about how to have your say here:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/community-and-rural-strategy-2020/>

**b) Cultural Strategy Consultation**

'Vibrant Shropshire, Independent by Nature' forms a new draft Cultural Strategy for the unitary area of Shropshire 2021- 2031. The document sets out the ambition and strategic priorities for the cultural sector for the next 10 years. The strategy will help deliver the planned Community and Rural Strategy for Shropshire, focusing on keeping people happy and healthy, helping people who are lonely to connect with others,

embracing the skills and experience of the older generation, attracting and keeping young people in the county.

The draft Strategy was developed in partnership with a range of stakeholders. A Cultural Strategy Working Group ensured a partnership approach and engagement opportunities were provided through a series of individual and group meetings and larger workshops.

The consultation will run for 12 weeks, opening on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and closing on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The draft strategy and the online survey can be found at:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/vibrant-shropshire-cultural-strategy-2021-2031/>

## **16. Additional Council Meeting**

With a significant amount of Council business to be discharged, an additional Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

## **17. Exclusion of Public and Press**

**To resolve:** That by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (S1(2)) and in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 , the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

## **Committee in Private Session**

### **18. Be a Better Fish Club**

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During Lockdown One, a range of trader support measures were introduced by the Council, including an offer to fund two months membership of the **Be a better fish Club** for any market trader who felt it might be helpful. Traders taking up this offer were not obliged to retain membership beyond the initial two-month crisis support period. The monthly Club membership subscription normally costs £25 per month. An evaluation of this initiative has been provided.

**Attached Evaluation Market Support Pilot Appendix F**