

## OSWESTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, the Guildhall, Oswestry

**PRESENT:** The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner  
Councillors Mrs S Best, Mrs C Chamberlain,  
P Cherrington, A Davis, Mrs R Evans,  
Mrs C Hawksley, V Hunt, M Jones, J G Jones,  
D Kerr, M Lee, J Price, C Schofield, C Stokes and  
Mrs A Woof

**In the Chair:** The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner

**In attendance:** D J Preston – Town Clerk  
A Roberts – Assistant Town Clerk

### PRAYERS

Previous to the commencement of the meeting Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplin, Reverend Simon Thorburn.

### PUBLIC SESSION

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

No members of the public asked any questions.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

**Councillor Mrs E Channon - illness**  
**Councillor S Mason – holiday**

**RESOLVED** the apologies be accepted.

#### 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.

Councillor J G Jones declared an interest in **Agenda Item 9 – Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J Price**, as his nephew is a student at Maesbury Metals.

### 3. **MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 **OTC/08/16** were confirmed and signed.

### 4. **TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

No questions were submitted in accordance with Standing Orders.

### 5. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS**

Various issues were brought up by local Shropshire Councillors. It was of concern to note that the visit from Greg Clark, Minister at Communities and Local Government had proven to be unsuccessful in terms of Shropshire Council seeking additional funding. It was also acknowledged that the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State visited on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 looking at the potential dualing of the A5 and the upgrade of the A483.

**RESOLVED** the information be noted.

### 6. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016/17**

**RESOLVED** to formally receive and adopt a Schedule of Meetings for 2015/16 **TC/3120/16**.

### 7. **TO TRANSACT ALL SUCH BUSINESS**

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

**RESOLVED** to confirm the following appointments:

##### i) **Development and Planning**

All Members.

##### ii) **Amenities**

All Members.

##### iii) **Finance and General Purposes**

All Members.

- iv) **Markets and Car Parks**  
All Members.
- v) **Chairman's Group**  
The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of all Standing Committees.
- vi) **Appeals Committee**  
To be appointed on a need basis.
- vii) **Disciplinary Committee**  
To be appointed on a need basis.
- viii) **Leisure and Amenities Sub-Committee (Youth Music Festival)**  
The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner.  
Councillors Mrs E Channon, P Cherrington, Mrs C Hawksley, J G Jones, C Schofield, D P Milner, C Stokes and M Jones.
- ix) **Markets Policy and Performance Group**  
The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner.  
Councillors Mrs C Hawksley, J G Jones, C Schofield, V Hunt, Mrs A Woof, C Stokes M Lee and A Davis.
- x) **Audit and Performance Panel**  
The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner.  
Councillors C Stokes, J G Jones, D P Milner, M Lee and Mrs S Best.
- xi) **Cae Glas Park Management Group**  
The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner.  
Councillors P Cherrington, Mrs C Hawksley, J G Jones, C Schofield, Mrs R Evans, and Mrs S Best.
- xii) **Cemetery Management Group**  
Councillors P Cherrington, J G Jones, Mrs C Hawksley, C Schofield and Mrs S Best.

xiii) **Tourism and Policy Monitoring Group**

The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner.  
Councillors Mrs E Channon, Mrs R Evans, Mrs C Hawksley,  
C Schofield, Mrs A Woof and Mrs S Best.

xiv) **Local Joint Committee**

The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner.  
Councillors Mrs E Channon, J G Jones and Mrs S Best.

xv) **Local Joint Committee Reserve**

Councillor A Davis.

xvi) **Gatacre Allotments**

The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner.  
Councillors V Hunt, Mrs E Channon, J G Jones and D Kerr.

xvii) **Market Trader Liaison**

All Members.

xviii) **Street Lighting Review Group**

Councillors C Schofield, Mrs E Channon, Mrs C Hawksley,  
J G Jones and D Kerr.

xix) **Oswestry Health Group**

Councillors J G Jones, D Kerr and C Schofield.

xx) **Procurement Committee**

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors C Schofield, M Lee and  
Mrs S Best.

b) **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED** to appoint representatives to the below outside bodies:

i) **Area Committee of Parish and Town Councils**

The Mayor Councillor D P Milner and Councillor M Lee.

- ii) **Oswestry in Bloom**  
Councillors P Cherrington and S Mason.
- iii) **Oswestry Twinning Association**  
Councillors V Hunt, C Schofield and C Stokes.
- iv) **Oswestry and District Arts Association**  
Councillors Mrs C Hawksley and Mrs R Evans.
- v) **Shrewsbury-Chester Rail Users' Association**  
Councillor P Cherrington.
- vi) **Oswestry and District Access Group**  
Councillors Mrs E Channon and A Davis.
- vii) **Oswestry Borderland Tourism**  
Councillors Mrs M E Chamberlain and A Davis.
- viii) **Oswestry Chamber of Commerce**  
The Mayor, Councillor D P Milner and Councillor M Jones.
- ix) **Oswestry Townscape and Tourism**  
Councillors C Schofield and Councillor J G Jones (by invitation).
- x) **Christmas Lighting**  
Councillors J G Jones, Mrs C Hawksley, A Davis, Mrs R Evans and Mrs A Woof.
- xi) **Wilfred Owen**  
Councillors C Schofield and Mrs S Best.

**8. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the below minutes:

## Markets and Car Parks Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 - MCP/05/16  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - MCP/06/16

## Finance and General Purposes Committee

14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - FGP/07/16

## Development and Planning

10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - DPC/10/16  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - DPC/11/16  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - DPC/12/16  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 - DPC/13/16

## Amenities

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - AC/07/16

## Special Council

1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 OTC/09/16  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 OTC/10/16

## 9. NOTICE OF MOTION

### In the name of Councillor J Price

“I have been approached by Maesbury Metals to see if the Town Council would be interested in pursuing a project with that organisation looking at the potential for a commemoration of Wilfred Owen, our famous War Poet. I therefore submit a Notice of Motion to the Council”:

*“That the Town Council investigate the suggestion from Maesbury Metals for a partnership project to commemorate Wilfred Owen War Poet, and that ideas, location and potential funding opportunities be brought back to the Council for more detailed consideration.”*

**RESOLVED** the Motion be adopted.

Further **RESOLVED** that the Council indicated its willingness to consider the introduction of art into the Park to highlight and promote local skills and officers be invited to prepare a discussion report for the Amenities Committee.

## 10. OSWESTRY VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUB

Letter from Amanda Cundall, Administrator for Oswestry & Shrewsbury Veterans Breakfast Clubs requesting use of the Council crest on their official flag and letterheads.

The Club is a non-profit organisation with funds raised through their meetings ploughed back into the Club or donated to various Charities.

**RESOLVED** to accede to the request subject to no commercial benefit being derived.

## 11. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – SEMINAR

Report, for information, on the training session/seminar hosted by North Shropshire College held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**RESOLVED** report **TC/3137/16** be noted and the Council reaffirm its commitment to the exploration of this opportunity.

## 12. ANNUAL BONFIRE & FIREWORKS EVENING

Report on the allocation of grants from the 2016 Bonfire & Fireworks Evening involving the Treble Niners and appointed Town Council representatives, as held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

**RESOLVED** report **TC/3138/16** be adopted.

It was further **RESOLVED** that the below grants be noted:

### National Fire Service Benevolent Fund

£500

### Mayor's Charity Fund 2015/16

£500

### The Derwen College

£400

### Empathy for Special Children

£300

### 1<sup>st</sup> Oswestry Girl Brigade

£300

### Oswestry Senior Citizens Club

£300

**Designs in Mind**

£300

**New Century Court – Bramford Group**

£300

**Shropshire Theatre Factory**

£300

**Knit for Life**

£100

**Oswestry Borderland Heritage**

£150

**Chalk CIC**

£150

**AtoZ for Oswestry Project**

£200

**Oswestry Men Sheds**

£150

**Oswestry Family & Local History Group**

£200

**Cambrian Heritage Railways**

£200

**13. SHROPSHIRE DEFEND OUR NHS**

**RESOLVED** to note for information, that David Evans, Shropshire CCG, and Gill George of Shropshire Defend our NHS, had agreed to attend a Future Fit meeting, to be facilitated by the Town Council, for the Town Council and members of the Oswestry Area Committee, to be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

**14. WAR MEMORIAL TO THE STAFF OF THE CAMBRIAN RAILWAYS, CAE GLAS PARK, CHURCH STREET, OSWESTRY – AWARDED LISTED BUILDING STATUS**

Letter from Historic England confirming that consideration has been given to adding the above War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

On the basis of local representations made and completion of an assessment, the following recommendation, the Secretary of State for



Culture, Media and Sport, has decided to add War Memorial to the Staff of the Cambrian Railways to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural of Historic Interest. The Memorial is now listed at Grade II.

**RESOLVED** the information be noted.

**15. PARK LIVES FUNDING**

Report from the Town Clerk following an application for funding by The New Saints FC Community Foundation to a national organisation called Street Games.

**RESOLVED** report **TC/3139/16** be noted.

**16. NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2016**

Discussion on entries in the 2016 Awards Programme.

**RESOLVED** entries be considered for the Council of the Year, and, Local Council Project of the Year.

**17. 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.