

**OSWESTRY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Oswestry Town Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, the Guildhall, Oswestry.**

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

**In the Chair:** The Mayor, Councillor J G Jones

**In attendance:** David J Preston – Town Clerk  
Two members of the public

**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.

Mr J Bickerton was in attendance and asked the Council questions around issues relating to the Joint Economic Board and why its business was treated as confidential. A response was provided confirming that, where possible, press releases and statements were issued; however certain information that was discussed by the Joint Economic Board was provided by third parties and their request for confidentiality had to be respected and complied with.

**5. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from:

**Councillor M Lee - holiday**

**RESOLVED** the apology be accepted.

**6. WELCOME**

A welcome back was extended to Councillor D P Milner following a recent period of hospitalisation.

**7. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Declarations of Pecuniary Interests were invited in relation to matters on the agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

**RESOLVED** to note that no declarations of interest were made.

## 8. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the below minutes:

10 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	-	<b>OTC/10/14</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	-	<b>OTC/11/14</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2014	-	<b>OTC/12/14</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	-	<b>OTC/01/14</b>

## 9. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS**

Information was given that the Customer Services Manager at Shropshire Council had recently advised of a consultation over the redesign of the Community Hub located in Oswestry Library. A display will be provided in the Library to show all customers the planned alterations and staff are being actively encouraged to engage with customers to encourage comment and feedback.

It was **RESOLVED** to invite the Customer Services Manager to provide another presentation to the Town Council as an update.

Under the item the issue of planning and the five-year land supply was highlighted as being of great concern to Shropshire Council.

Mention was made of the new Dementia Group and the support and facilitation as provided by the Town Council.

Information was noted from J Ross Developments Limited that the consultation exercise on the plans for Brogyntyn were concluding and Councillors were invited to submit any further comments or questions prior to planning submissions being made.

**RESOLVED** the updates be noted.

## 10. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2014/15**

**RESOLVED** to adopt a Schedule of Meetings **TC/2812/14**.

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

**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)**  
Councillors M Bennett, Mrs E Channon, Mrs C Hawksley, J G Jones, C Schofield, D P Milner, P Cherrington and W Benyon.
- ix) **Markets 2010 Group**  
Councillors Mrs C Hawksley, M Bennett, J G Jones, D P Milner, C Schofield, V Hunt, Mrs A Woof, C Stokes and M Lee.
- x) **Audit and Performance Panel**  
Councillors M Bennett, J G Jones, D P Milner, M Lee and Mrs S Best.
- xi) **Cae Glas Park Management Group**  
Councillors M Bennett, Mrs C Hawksley, J G Jones, C Schofield Mrs R Evans and Mrs S Best.

**xii) Cemetery Management Group**

Councillors J G Jones, Mrs C Hawksley C Schofield, M Bennett and Mrs S Best.

**xiii) Tourism and Policy Monitoring Group**

Councillors Mrs E Channon, M Bennett, Mrs C Hawksley, C Schofield, D P Milner, Mrs A Woof and Mrs S Best.

**xiv) Joint Economic Board**

Councillors M Lee, C Schofield, Mrs E Channon and J G Jones.

**xv) Neighbourhood Planning/Town Team**

Councillors Mrs E Channon, Mrs S Best and C Schofield.

**xvi) Local Joint Committee**

Councillors Mrs E Channon, J G Jones, J Price and D P Milner.

**xvii) Local Joint Committee Reserve**

Councillor W Benyon.

**xviii) Gatacre Allotments**

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

**xix) Market Liaison**

All Members.

**xx) Street Lighting Review Group**

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

**xxi) Oswestry Health Group**

Councillors J G Jones and C Schofield.

**RESOLVED** to appoint representatives to the below Outside Bodies:

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

Councillors M Bennett and D P Milner.

- ii) **Oswestry in Bloom**  
Councillor P Cherrington.
- iii) **Oswestry Twinning Association**  
Councillors P Cherrington, V Hunt and C Schofield.
- iv) **Oswestry and District Arts Association**  
Councillors Mrs C Hawksley and Mrs R Evans.
- v) **Shrewsbury-Chester Rail Users' Association**  
Councillor P Cherrington.
- vi) **Cambrian Heritage Railways Trust**  
Councillors P Cherrington and D P Milner.
- vii) **Oswestry and District Sports Council**  
Councillor Mrs E Channon.
- viii) **Oswestry and District Access Group**  
Councillor Mrs E Channon.
- xiv) **Memorial Hall Trust**  
Councillor Mrs E Channon.
- x) **Oswestry Youth Café**  
Councillor V Hunt.
- xi) **Oswestry Borderlands Tourism**  
Councillors Mrs M E Chamberlain and A Davis.
- xii) **Oswestry Chamber of Commerce**  
Councillor D P Milner.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the below minutes:

## Markets and Car Parks Committee

5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 - **MCP/06/14**  
9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - **MCP/07/14**

## Finance and General Purposes Committee

13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - **FGP/06/14**  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - **FGP/07/14**

## Development and Planning

16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 - **DPC/10/13**  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - **DPC/11/14**  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 - **DPC/12/14**  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - **DPC/13/14**  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 - **DPC/14/14**

## Amenities

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 - **AC/06/14**  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - **AC/07/14**

### 13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notices of Motions in the name of Councillor M Bennett.

- a) *Given the importance of physical fitness to health and well-being, this Council considers the potential of taking Corporate Membership in a local gymnasium so as to encourage Members and Staff to maintain and improve levels of fitness and set an example to other employers and the general public.*

**RESOLVED** the Motion not be adopted.

- b) *This Council consults with Trustees of the Grace Rees Charity (unregistered) and the CHARITY OF RICHARD WYCHERLEY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF LIFE (Charity number 528421) with the aim of promoting a review of these charities in view of their low levels of income and activity.*

*For information the Richard Wycherley Charity aims are as follows:*

*Trustees may apply the clear income of the Charity in assisting persons resident in the Town of Oswestry who are under 25 years of age and are in need of assistance and who are preparing for, or entering upon, or engaged in any profession, trade, occupation of service by providing them with outfits, tools or books, or by payment of*

*fees, travelling or maintenance expenses or by such other means for their enhancement in life to enable them to earn their own living at Trustees see fit. Should no applications for the above be forthcoming Trustees may apply the income towards promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under 25 years of age who are resident in the said town).*

**RESOLVED** the Motion be adopted.

In addition it was **RESOLVED** to reaffirm with Oswestry Town Charities their representation from this Council: to ask the Town Charities for their views on an amalgamation of the two Charities with similar objectives, and then, subject to agreement in principle, submit the matter to the Charity Commission requesting a new scheme and appointment of Trustees.

#### 14. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

Information from Shropshire Council confirming that to help communities to accommodate the impact of new development, National Government has determined that a proportion of total Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies should be provided directly to Town and Parish Councils as a Neighbourhood Fund.

Shropshire Council has produced a Neighbourhood Fund Agreement and the Town Council was invited to confirm that it has read and acknowledged the terms and conditions.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- To note the Fund Agreement but at this stage to ask for the higher rate of CIL funding due to the guidance provided by Shropshire Council in terms of being a Pathfinder for Neighbourhood Planning;
- At this stage therefore to refuse to sign the Agreement until that assurance of the higher rate is provided;
- To ask Shropshire Council, as policy, to grant the higher rate of funding to any local Council that was part of the Pathfinding Funding from Government at the outset of Localism and Neighbourhood Planning.

#### 15. **PROPOSED STREET NAME FOR A NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF SWAN LANE, OSWESTRY**

Letter from the Street Naming & Numbering Officer, Development Management Team at Shropshire confirming that the section have been asked to provide postal addresses for 19 new residential dwellings that are to be created at the above site. The properties are being built on behalf of Shropshire Council and Rural Housing (STARS) and the STARS team have

consulted the general public for suggestions on a possible street name for the new development.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to request that the site be named “*Mary Hignett Place*”.

**16. WORLD WAR ONE/WILFRED OWEN PROJECT MEETING**

Report on a meeting of representatives held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**RESOLVED** the report be adopted.

**17. OSWESTRY TOURISM SEMINAR**

Report on a meeting of representatives held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and to agree the recommendations with the Town Council facilitating the new Oswestry Tourism Forum.

**18. WHAT NEXT FOR LOCALISM?**

Report from the Town Clerk on the *What Next for Localism?* Seminar promoted by NALC and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**RESOLVED:**

- Report **TC/2815/14** be adopted;
- To invite the new Chief Executive of NALC to Oswestry, together with the Chairman, to see first-hand the work of the Town Council in respect of localism and economic development;
- To reaffirm the nomination of Councillor M Bennett at the appropriate time for consideration on the Larger Councils Committee of NALC.

**19. 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.