



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held at The Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 29th JULY** at 7.00 PM.

FC/125 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor B. Waite

Councillors: Childs; De Gersigny; Garner; Gill; Ginger (arrived 7.12pm);
Parry; Tapley; Thompson and S Waite.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk
Kate Adams, Deputy Town Clerk

ABSENT

Councillors: Hall; Harris: and Jones

FC/126 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Mayor, Councillor B Waite, welcomed everyone to the Full Council meeting and made H&S announcements.

FC/127 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Mayor notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

FC/128 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hall (charity work), Harris (on holiday) and Jones (working).

FC/129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Councillor Parry Ludlow in Bloom

Conflicts of Interest

None.

Personal Interests

None.

FC/130 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

A representative from Ludlow Regeneration Group updated the Council regarding their actions. The group is planning a street and building shop front cleaning event in Ludlow on Sunday 1st September prior to the Ludlow Food Festival later that month. Updates will be shared on social media, and everyone is invited to bring their marigolds and help out.

The Chair of Ludlow in Bloom addressed the Council, she explained the Heart of England in Bloom competition workings, that there are three categories: community interest, planting, and street scene. Judging takes place for two and a half hours. Last year Ludlow Town Council Direct Labour Force staff and Shropshire Council highways staff met with the judges and historically Shropshire Council have always helped give the streets a thorough clean. Ludlow Town Council staff help with producing the portfolio document. She explained that the judging route would have been difficult this year due to the amount of roadworks in town. She also stated last year Shrewsbury didn't enter the competition and Bridgnorth didn't enter the year before, so it does happen occasionally that a town doesn't enter.

FC/131 LUDLOW POLICE UPDATE

No update was provided.

FC/132 LUDLOW UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Unitary Councillor Parry (Ludlow South) addressed the Council on the following matters:

A pyrolysis BioCare plant is being considered for Shropshire and could be located where the biodigester was located on Parys Road. Councillor Parry explained that this system makes charcoal blocks, and when added to water, act like a fertiliser.

She is going to learn more about this at a visit to Woodtech. Local residents will need to be consulted, and she noted that there were previous issues with the biodigester such as smell and noise. She also updated the Council that she spoke to the Police Commissioner last Thursday and he would like to attend a future Ludlow Town Council meeting so that any concerns can be raised.

7.12pm Councillor Ginger joined the meeting.

FC/133 MINUTES – 17th JUNE 2024**RESOLVED (9:0:1) SW/DT**

That the open minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th June 2024, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

FC/134 ITEMS TO ACTION – 17th JUNE 2024**RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/EG**

That the Items to Action be noted.

FC/135 VISIT SHROPSHIRE MEMBERSHIP

The Council received a presentation reviewing Ludlow's press coverage and tourism data.

RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/AT

To approve silver membership at a cost of £1,500.00 and to ask Visit Shropshire to improve the destination page content to more closely align with Ludlow's offer, and for assistance in exploring Coach Friendly Status for Ludlow.

FC/136 CASTLE STREET CAR PARK**RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/SW**

To ask Shropshire Council to answer the following questions as a matter of urgency with monthly follow up until there is a response / action:-

- Do the shops have permission to use areas of the car park for their refuse bins?
- Can the bins be stored tidily or screened from sight?
- Who is responsible for making sure this is happening?

FC/137 SHAPING PLACES FOR HEALTHIER LIVES – GRANT FUNDING**RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/TG**

To note the Town Council funding application to Shropshire Council in partnership with Hands Together Ludlow, Ludlow Food Bank and Ludlow Foyer.

Councillor Parry leave the meeting room at 7:45 pm.

FC/138 LUDLOW IN BLOOM

RESOLVED (unanimous) EG/SW

To approve the grant final settlement figure of £1537.20.

FC/139 RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/TG

That Services Committee consider options for the way forward Ludlow's 'in Bloom' competition entry and floral arrangements in 2025 / 26.

Councillor Parry returned to the meeting.

FC/140 MARKET SQUARE PARKING

RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/SW

To note an update from Shropshire Council that the task would be re-assigned to another member of the team and should be progressed further in a couple of weeks.

FC/141 CO-OPTION

RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/TG

To note the letter confirming that no request has been made to hold an election for Gallows Bank ward.

FC/142 RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/SW

To note the Co-Option Policy.

FC/143 RESOLVED (unanimous) DC/TG

To approve the co-option advert, timetable and application forms for Corve Ward and Gallows Bank ward, and an outdoor co-option awareness event by Councillors on Events Square during the advertising period.

FC/144 COACHES

RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/SW

To secure coach friendly status and liaise with the Chamber about the coach driver welcome pack.

FC/145 RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/SW

To follow up with Visit Shropshire to promote Ludlow as a coach destination at tourism shows and through other communications channels.

FC/146 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED (9:0:1) BW/TG

To approve the amendments to Standing Orders recommended by the Standing Orders Task and Finish Group.

FC/147 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED (unanimous) SW/TG

To adopt the Buildings, Equipment, and Facilities Inspection and Maintenance Policy.

FC/148 COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED (9:0:1) TG /BW

To receive the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee on 10th June 2024.

FC/149 RESOLVED (9:0:1) BW/TG

To receive the minutes of the Services Committee on 17th July 2024.

FC/150 RESOLVED (9:0:1) GG/TG

To receive the minutes of the Representational Committee on 2nd July 2024.

FC/151 RESOLVED (9:0:1) EG/BW

To receive the minutes of the Staffing Committee on 11th July 2024.

FC/152 RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/TG

To receive the minutes of the Climate Action Sub-Committee on 4th July 2024.

FC/153 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED (unanimous) BW/SW

That that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded, and the meeting continue in closed session.

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm

Town Mayor

Date