

DONNINGTON AND MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall, Donnington on 9th January 2017

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Dugmore (Chairman), Mrs E A Clare, N Dugmore, Mrs L Edwards, M Edwards, Mrs R Gregory, D Hayward, C Mason, V Rainsford, J Lavery, A Lawrence and J Thompson.

Also Present: R Morgan (Clerk), Gary Insell and Marvyn Joseph (Be Active, Project Head Telford & Wrekin Council (T&Wr)).

17/01/161 Apologies: There were no apologies.

17/01/162 Declaration of Interest: As per Register.

17/01/163 Public Session: There were no members of the public present.

17/01/164 BeActive Donnington

The Chairman invited Gary Insell and Marvyn Joseph to discuss their request for support in match funding by this Parish Council for a grant from Sports England. Part of the criteria for the application requires proof of partnership working and support in order to enable BeActive to provide activities for those over fifty five. The deadline for submitting the application is 13th February 2017. Other organisations have been approached that are willing to contribute which include Age UK, Telford & Wrekin Council and Energize. It is hoped to get mentors to go to different clubs in the area to promote local activities. Gary Insell will be completing the application form to Sport England. It was suggested by Councillors that they approach other Town and Parish Councils for their support.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E A Clare, seconded by Councillor C Mason that the Parish Council makes a commitment to provide one night for free at Turreff Hall for 12 months for activities and £5,000 which is to go towards the rent of St. John's Church, Muxton and the Lifelong Learning Centre, Donnington also for the provision of activities.

An amendment was made to this motion by Councillor J Lavery, seconded by Councillor A Lawrence that the Parish Council makes a minimum offer of committing to providing 1 free night per week for 12 months at Turreff Hall, St John's Church and the Lifelong Learning Centre but to place no value on it. A previous amendment by A Lawrence was withdrawn.

Resolved – that the Parish Council makes a minimum offer of committing to providing 1 free night per week for 12 months at Turreff Hall, St John's Church and the Lifelong Learning Centre but to place no value on it.

17/01/165 Minutes

To confirm the following Minutes of the Council:

- a. Planning Committee meeting held on 12th December 2016.
Resolved - that they are confirmed and signed as a true record
- b. Parish Council meeting held on 12th December 2016.

Resolved - that they are confirmed and signed as a true record. Councillor C Mason congratulated Councillor Mrs L Dugmore for the way in which she had Chaired and controlled this meeting. This was seconded by Councillor J Thompson.

17/01/166 Matters Arising from Minutes

Councillors received updates of actions contained in the aforementioned Minutes:

Youth Council – The Clerk informed Councillors that he had met with Sarah Durnall (Community Regeneration T&Wr) to discuss setting up a Youth Council and will be proceeding with this in due course.

Church Walk, Donnington – Councillors were informed that unfortunately work on the site had again stopped but that Councillors Mrs E A Clare and C Mason would continue to monitor the situation and push for work to recommence.

Clocktower Roundabout – Work by Severn Trent Water was supposed to have started on 3rd January 2017 but, as yet, hadn't. The Clerk was asked to write to Dominic Proud (Service Delivery Manager - Transport & Highways Development Neighbourhood & Customer Services Telford & Wrekin Council) asking when work would commence and ask if the clock on the roundabout could be repaired as part of the ongoing work at this location. The Clerk was also requested to ask how traffic will be managed on the mini roundabout by Kingsley Drive and School Road as a result of the increase traffic flow after improvements at the Clocktower roundabout.

17/01/167 Lifelong Learning Centre

Councillor Mrs R Gregory informed Councillors of what had been discussed at a meeting regarding the future of the Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC) and that it now looked extremely likely that Donnington Partnership, together with local residents, would take over the running and management of the building. It was hoped to join up with another Community Centre in Arleston, Telford and apply for a grant to provide a shared manager for both Community Centres. It is hoped that this will be in place ready to take over the building on 1st April 2017.

17/01/168 Telford & Wrekin Council's Local Plan

Councillor N Dugmore informed Councillors that the agenda item should have been to discuss the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan and in order to proceed with a Plan for this Council it should consider employing an external consultant to carry out the work required. The Clerk was asked to contact Newport Town Council for details of the consultant it employed to help start a Neighbourhood Plan for this Council.

17/01/169 Bus Users Group

Councillors discussed the response from J Crowsley regarding an invitation to meet with him to discuss issues with buses and routes within the Parish and were disappointed that he was unable to attend the meeting. However, Mr Crowsley did offer to meet Councillors at the Telford Bus Depot. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Crowsley asking him what dates he would be available to visit the Parish Council as it would give members of the public a chance to discuss issues with buses and their routes. If required a joint meeting with Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Parish Council could be arranged as it too was trying to get a meeting with Mr Crowsley. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr R Cheveaux (Arriva Area Managing Director) and Councillor A McClements to encourage Mr Crowsley to meet with Parish and Town Councils.

Councillor C Mason gave his apologies and left the meeting.

17/01/170 Name/Identification Badges

Councillors considered purchasing Identification badges for Councillors and staff.

Resolved – to purchase Identification badges for Councillors, staff and library volunteers and invite the photographer to this Council's meeting in March to take the required photographs.

17/01/171 Scrutiny Review of Civil Parking Enforcement

Councillors discussed a request to assist the Borough Council in its review of Civil Parking Enforcement by identifying the location and type of issues where parking violation hotspots occur within the Parish and submitting these via a short online survey.

Resolved – that the Clerk responds to the survey and highlight hot spot areas such as Bradley Road, St Matthew's Road, The Parade, Muxton Primary School and schools in general and also the corner on Queen's Road opposite the junction with Church Road, Donnington.

17/01/172 Freight Strategy Survey

Alongside a separate consultation with businesses located in the Marches, Telford & Wrekin Council (T&Wr) would like to understand the priorities of, and the key issues that affect, the parishes and towns in relation to freight activity. It would also like to obtain the views of parish and town councils on potential measures that could be effective in addressing these issues. The consultants are therefore conducting an online survey of the parish and town councils on T&Wr's behalf and it would be very grateful if this Council would complete the survey.

Resolved – that the Clerk and Councillor C Mason complete the survey and highlight that the rail freight terminal should be utilized more and that whilst improvements are being made to assist increased traffic volumes at roundabouts nothing is being done between them. The A518 (New Trench Road) also needs improvements made to it to assist with the increasing vehicle capacity.

17/01/173 Good2Great

The Chairman read an email received from Sally Themans in response to this Council's request to hold a walkabout on The Parade, Donnington so that this Council can be informed of what exactly Good2Great has done for retailers in Donnington. As a result the Clerk was asked to re-arrange a meeting for some time in March (preferably a Thursday) for this walkabout. The Clerk was asked to write to T&Wr Council and request a full breakdown of what has currently been spent on the Good2Great Programme in Telford and especially Donnington.

17/01/174 Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting

Councillors requested that the following items be included for discussion on the agenda of the next Council meeting:

Pride in Your High Street – to provide an update

Bus Users Group – to report back on the latest meeting with Arriva.

17/01/175 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at St John's Church, Saltwell's Drive, Muxton commencing at 7pm.

Also, there will be a Muxton PACT Meeting on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at St John's Church, Muxton commencing at 7pm and a Library Committee Meeting on Thursday 12th January 2017 at Turreff Hall commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 2030hrs.

Signed:

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