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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of **Full Council Meeting** held at Turreff Hall, Donnington on **8th July 2024** commencing at 7pm.

Present: Councillors F Doran (Chairman), I Alexander, R Coates, L Dugmore, N Dugmore, Z Harrison, T Hoof, R Overton, J Urey and O Vickers.

Also Present: R Morgan (Clerk to the Council), P Fenn and L Wallage-Coyne (Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services Telford & Wrekin Council), S Jarema and D Thompson.

24/07/37 Apologies: Councillors J Gough, A Lawrence and L Vickers.

Resolved that the apologies are noted.

24/07/38 Declaration of Interest: As per Registers of Interests.

24/07/39 Public Session

Mr D Thompson asked the Muxton Councillors if they would have a look at the alleyways in Muxton as they were in a disgraceful condition. Councillor J Urey stated that they had been reported and will catch up with the Environmental Services team to get an update regarding the work required. It was also stated that the underpass from Donnington to Muxton needed to be cleaned out. Concerns were also raised regarding young people congregating in an alleyway from the pedestrian crossing by the Clocktower roundabout into Highlander Drive. Councillor J Urey stated that she had spoken to the youths and was working with Councillor L Vickers and the Police who were going to monitor the area. Mr S Jarema asked why there are plans to build houses on land adjacent to Dobbie's Garden Centre, Station Road, The Humbers when mobile homes would be cheaper and more beneficial to elderly people struggling with the cost of living. Councillors stated that it was part of an allocation of land in the draft Local Plan and objections had been submitted to the Local Planning Authority. The results of the consultation will be published in October, so it isn't yet known if there will be affordable homes or Housing Association homes built at this location. If people are struggling with the cost of living, then they should seek help and possibly financial assistance.

24/07/40 Community Action Team (CAT)

P Fenn and L Wallage-Coyne asked Councillors if they had any questions regarding the work of the Community Action Team.

Councillors asked questions regarding nuisance/obstructive parking, fly tipping and what was meant in the report by "observations". Explanations were provided in that fly tipping incidents were mainly discovered on patrols and investigated to see if any clues are available to find out who caused the fly tipping and repeat offenders can be reported to the Enforcement Team. With regard to parking issues "observations" are where the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers (NEOs) approach drivers that park not in accordance with traffic regulations and try and educate drivers rather than fine drivers. However, if drivers are blocking bus stops, pedestrian crossings etc then tickets will be issued. Sometimes the use of NEOs results in the displacement of people parking whereupon new complaints are then received.

Councillors were also informed that if they discovered any problems then they are to submit them to the Clerk who will report it via the CAT WhatsApp Group.
The Chairman thanked P Fenn and L Wallage-Coyne for attending the meeting.

24/07/41 Grant Applications

To consider grant application requests from:

- a. Newport (Shropshire) Cottage Care Centre Trust Ltd.
Resolved to award Newport (Shropshire) Cottage Care Centre Trust Ltd a grant of £300.
- b. Telford & Wrekin Council Crucial Crew 2024.
Resolved to award Telford & Wrekin Council Crucial Crew 2024 a grant of £250.
- c. Read Easy Telford & Shropshire East.
Resolved to award Read Easy Telford & Shropshire East a grant of £300.

24/07/42 Minutes To confirm the following Minutes of the Council and its Committees:

- a. Planning Committee meeting held on 10th June 2024.
Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- b. Council meeting held on 10th June 2024.
Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

24/07/43 Matters Arising from Minutes: There were no matters arising of actions contained in the Minutes.

24/07/44 Expenditure Transactions: Each Councillor received a copy of the Expenditure Transactions for June 2024. **Resolved** that the Expenditure Transactions for June 2024 are ratified and accepted as a true record.

24/07/45 Income Received: Each Councillor received a copy of the Income Report for June 2024. **Resolved** that the Income Report for June 2024 is ratified and accepted as a true record.

24/07/46 Bank Reconciliation: Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank Reconciliation as of 30th June 2024. **Resolved** that the Bank reconciliation as of 30th June 2024 is ratified and accepted as a true record.

24/07/47 Financial Budget Comparisons: Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 30th June 2024. **Resolved** that the Financial Budget Comparisons as of 30th June 2024 is ratified and accepted as a true record.

24/07/48 Armed Forces Covenant

The Clerk informed those present of this Council's successful bid for Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Silver Award 24 recognition. However, due to an embargo on the announcement which is taking place today on 8th July it had not been possible for the Clerk to send this information out to Councillors with the agendas.

The Chairman thanked the Community Engagement and Events Officer, Mr Connor Furnival, for all the work carried out in submitting this application. The Chairman also informed Councillors that the Armed Forces Day held on Sunday 30th June was a great success and that the monthly Veterans café held at Turreff Hall on the first Wednesday of every month is very well attended.

24/07/49 Community Action Team (CAT) Report for June 2024

Each Councillor received a copy of CAT Action Report for June 2024. Matters contained within had already been discussed with P Fenn and L Wallage-Coyne.

24/07/50 Donnington Public Toilets

The Clerk was asked to publish the opening times of Donnington Public Toilets on the doors. The Clerk will purchase the relevant signs displaying the times and install them at the toilets.

24/07/51 Speed Checks Wellington Road, Muxton

The Clerk was asked to check with the Police to determine if speed checks along Wellington Road, Muxton had taken place and, if so, what were the results. Councillor T Hoof informed those present that the Road Safety Partnership had agreed to erect a sign warning drivers of the speed limit at this location.

24/07/52 Benches on Broadoaks

Councillor O Vickers requested that additional benches are purchased for installation on Broadoaks Field, Donnington. Members were informed that a request for these had also been received from an elderly lady who had completed a Parish Council feedback form at the Armed Forces Day event.

Resolved to write to Telford & Wrekin Council regarding this request and offer to pay half of the cost of purchasing and installing a bench at this location.

24/07/53 Monkey Puzzle Tree

Each Councillor received a copy of an email from Telford & Wrekin Council regarding an update on the replacement of the Monkey Puzzle Tree as per Planning Consent conditions for application TWC/2022/0515. The email stated that the Applicant has submitted an Appeal relating to the Condition requiring the replacement tree planting. This was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) back in 2022 and that this is still awaiting Validation by them. However, the last correspondence that the Local Planning Authority (LPA) received noted that the reason the LPA has not yet received a start date was as a result of a large backlog of cases. Unfortunately, this is not something for which the LPA has any control over, and it shares the Parish Council's frustrations regarding this. Accordingly, the LPA will need to decide on any course of action following the outcome of the Appeal.

Councillor R Overton stated that he had recently been informed that the applicants appeal had been dismissed and the Clerk was asked to write to Telford & Wrekin Council for written confirmation of this.

24/07/54 Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting

There were no items which the Councillors wished to have places on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

24/07/55 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday 9th September 2024 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7pm

The meeting closed at 2000hrs.

Signed:

Date:

