

ELLESMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in Ellesmere Town Hall on Tuesday, 3rd January, 2017
at 7.15pm.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Town Mayor (Chair):	Cllr I Ward (Chair)
	Deputy Mayor:	Cllr S Thornton
	Councillors:	Cllrs Mrs J Williams, M Lagoyianni, L Davies, J Clayton, K Chenery. Cllrs P Goulbourne, R Hartley and J Frost.
	Clerk and RFO:	Mandy Evans
	Temporary Assistant Clerk:	Phil Smith
	Unitary Councillor:	1
	Members of the Public:	0
	Press:	1
	Police:	0
	Guests:	0

Public Question Time. No members of the public present.

- 195/16 To receive apologies and reason for absence. No apologies received.
- 196/16 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interest. 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. None received.
- 197/16 Grant Dispensations. In pursuance of the Localism Act 2011, s31 (4) to report on any dispensations requested/granted. None received.
- 198/16 Public Participation Session.
- 199/16 Police Matters. No attendance from the Local Policing Team.
- 200/16 Shropshire Council Report. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley attended Ellesmere House Christmas party over the festive season and informed the Town Council that following a bad Care Quality Commission Report last year they have since concentrated on improving their standards and have employed a new Manager who has helped to achieve another follow on Report which has shown a vast improvement. Ellesmere House would like to have more involvement within the community and would like to have an informal talk with some Members of the Town Council. It was: RESOLVED: to write to Ellesmere House and congratulate them on their latest inspection report. (i) that Cllr J Williams would like to be involved in the meeting.
- 201/16 Minutes. To adopt and confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday, 5th December, 2016. (Attached). Cllr R Hartley would like it noted

that he was present at this meeting as his name was absent on the attendees. Proposed by Cllr R Hartley, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and agreed by all Members that: RESOLVED: the minutes were approved, confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record, subject to the inclusion of Cllr R Hartley in the list of those present.

202/16 Clerks Report (attached). Progress report from previous meetings and matters arising. To note that a Highways Sub Committee is to be held on the 11th January, 2017 at 10.30am. Noted.

203/16

Correspondence.

(a) Items for consideration (information items will be circulated at the meeting).

Ellesmere Cricket Club. (Cllr S Thornton declared a personal interest as a member of the Cricket Club but had no financial interest). The Cricket Club are facing significant issues with flooding which has placed restrictions on their ability to meeting playing obligations and development of their junior cricket and would like to complete a Feasibility Study to investigate possible remedial work which will enable them to continue at Birch Road for the long term. They are not seeking funding from the Town Council but would like the Town Council to agree in principle to the proposed works and secondly that the duration of the lease meets funding requirements. It was: RESOLVED: to respond that the Town Council has no objection in principle that the Club undertake such work which will be identified in the Feasibility Study but would like to be informed of details and scale of work before funding applications for grants are completed. The Lease started in June, 2010 for a 35 year term and Members felt it unlikely this would need to be reviewed, but if necessary it could be revisited.

Town Hall CCTV Camera. Quotation received for 2 new fixed cameras on the Town Hall which would cost £2,134.97 exc VAT compared to £2,180.00 for 360 movable camera. It was: RESOLVED: that the CCTV Task and Finish Group meet to discuss further the best solution and to look at the other fixed cameras as the maintenance and support contract is due to expire in April, 2017. A report will be tabled to the Town Council.

Keep Our Shropshire History Live. Donation request. RESOLVED: to forward the Grant Awarding Forms.

(b) Other Correspondence received after the Agenda being sent out.

Shropshire Bus Strategy 2017-2021. Public and Stakeholder Consultation which will run until 13th February, 2017. RESOLVED: Cllr M Lagoyianni will complete for Members consideration at the February, 2017 meeting.

Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute. 11th November, 2018. In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the War and many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded a chain of 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories at 7pm on the 11th November, 2018 as part of the plans for this important Anniversary. Detailed coordination begins in April, 2017 and a *Special Guide to Taking Part* will be published. Confirmation if ETC would like to take part must be sent as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in the guide when published together if the beacon will be open to the public or lit at a private event. RESOLVED: Members agreed to forward details expressing their interest for a public event.

204/16

Planning:

(a) Planning Applications for consideration:

16/05078/TPO – 2 The Hawthorns, Ellesmere SY12 9ER. Works to 1 No. Oak tree protected by The North Shropshire District Council. (Bramble Ridge, Elson Road, Ellesmere) TPO 1991. (Extension agreed until 4.1.17). RESOLVED: Members object to this planning application due to the vague information provided by the applicant, it is not considered that clear evidence has been provided to justify the removal of branches from this protected tree - particularly as it only appears to be for providing more light to the applicant's property. The application should be subject to a proper survey/assessment. If the application is approved, any works should be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon.

16/05453/LBC – 27 Watergate Street, Ellesmere SY12 0EX. Removal of 1970's coloured concrete block fireplace and replace with c 1904 cast iron and tiled fireplace; removal of redundant, low level, crumbling red brick curtilage wall affecting a Grade II Listed Building. (Extension agreed until 4.1.17). RESOLVED: Members support this application with no further comments.

16/05593/VAR – Land to Rear of Sheraton House, St. John's Hill, Birch Road, Ellesmere. Variation of condition number 2 attached to Planning Permission Ref: 07/02320/FUL dated 20th September, 2007 to allow change of design of Plot 2 removing lower ground floor. RESOLVED: Members support this application with no further comments.

(b) Planning Decisions.

14/04047/OUT – Proposed Marina South Of Canal Way, Ellesmere. Outline application for mixed development of a hotel, boating marina, leisure complex, pub/restaurant, residential, holiday cabins and touring caravans with associated infrastructure to include access.

Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

(c) To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the Agenda. (To be notified at Meeting). None received.

(d) Planning Matters.

Update Briefing on the Local Plan Review. (Circulated). Cllr S Thornton informed Members that there is a re-appeal on Teal Drive. Noted.

205/16

Defibrillator – Town Hall. Donated by the 4 Freemason Groups who use Ellesmere Town Hall. A cheque for £200.00 has been received towards training in the New Year. RESOLVED: to write a letter of thanks to all the Freemason Groups.

206/16

Payments for November, 2016 to be approved and confirmed. As circulated. Proposed by Cllr S Thornton, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and RESOLVED: that the payments were confirmed, approved by all Members and to be signed as a true copy.

207/16

Bank Balances as at the 31st December, 2016. Account No: 1 = £51,749.04. Account No: 2 = £2,217.06. Account No: 3 = £83,749.59. Noted.

- 208/16 Local Government Pension Scheme Actuarial Valuation 2016. Every 3 years the Shropshire Council Pension Fund undergoes an actuarial valuation by an Independent Actuary to determine the employer contribution rates for the next 3 years. Members were informed that the employer's contribution rate is to increase from 12.5% to 14.4% from 1st March, 2017. Up until the 31st March, 2014 the pension was calculated on the final salary scheme, as from 1st April, 2014 the calculation was based on the average salary scheme. The target figure for the Fund is 16 years at this valuation which is 3 years shorter than the target recovery period from the previous valuation (2013). The deficit payment for 2017/18 will be £1,400.00 which has increased by £900.00 due to the recovery period being reduced from the last valuation and to ensure contributions do not reduce versus those expected from the existing plan. The form needs to be signed and returned before the 6.1.2017. RESOLVED: that all Members confirmed the valuation changes for 2016 and the next 3 years and for the Clerk to sign and return the form.
- 209/16 2017/2018 Council Tax Precept & Budget Deliberations. 2017/18 Council Tax Precept letter and form circulated to Members. Draft budget was circulated to all Members prior to the meeting. Noted.
(a) Special Town Council Meeting – Monday 23rd January, 2017 (7.15pm). Noted.
(b) Council Tax Taxbase Calculations. (Circulated). Noted.
- 210/16 Date of next meeting – Monday, 6th February, 2017. Noted.
- 211/16 Exclusion of Press and Public. Proposed by Cllr R Hartley, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne with all Members in favour that it was: RESOLVED: "That by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following item 18 of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts". Exempt Minutes will be kept.
- 212/16 To approve and confirm the exempt minutes from the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on: Monday 5th December, 2016. (Minutes were tabled). Proposed by Cllr S Thornton, seconded by Cllr I Ward and agreed by all Members that: RESOLVED: the exempt minutes were approved, confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

Meeting closed at: 8.00pm.