

Council Briefing



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World War One Memorial Unveiled

On Armed Forces Day, Saturday 27th June, the plaque commissioned by the Town Council in remembrance of those from Ellesmere who gave their lives in World War I was unveiled by RAF Veteran and Town Resident Mr Fred Baker.

Speaking at the ceremony Town Mayor, Councillor Ian Ward, said "It seems fitting that, on the day that we commemorate the work of our serving armed forces and their families, we should take the opportunity to remember those from Ellesmere, including those from Ellesmere College, who fought to protect our way of life and believed that they were involved in a "war to end all wars".



Sadly, as we know during the past century wars have taken place and continue today in all corners of the world and many of these have involved and continue to involve our armed forces risking their lives for our country in conflicts, to protect our freedoms

and way of life.

As the centenary of the start of the First World War approached early last year various community organisations and groups in the town were involved in discussions about the most appropriate ways in which the local community could commemorate it and one of those proposed was to have a lasting memorial to the fallen from Ellesmere.

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Civic Events

The purpose of 'Council Briefing':

- Keeping Councillors informed
- Informing the community of the work of the Council
- Enabling Councillors to exchange and share information
- Putting positive communication at the heart of the Council

Council Open Evening

The first Council Open Evening 'drop-in' session will be held at the Town Hall on **Thursday 23rd July between 6.30pm and 8pm.**

It is an opportunity for community groups and

local residents to meet informally with Town Councillors to raise issues and concerns, ask for information, make suggestions, etc. over a cup of tea or coffee.

All residents and local organizations are cordially invited.

Civic Service

The date for this year's Civic (& Community) Service has been set for **Sunday 11th October at 10.15am.**

Further details will follow in the next edition of 'Council Briefing'.

"This is a wonderful outcome for the Town."



Planting by Ellesmere in Bloom

Threat of WindTurbine Lifted

The outcome of the appeal against Shropshire Council's refusal to grant planning permission for a huge wind turbine near the Town boundary by the A528 to Oswestry was announced by the Planning Inspectorate on 29th June.

The Planning Inspector upheld Shropshire Council's decision to refuse the application. A copy of the Inspector's

Report can be found at <https://acp.planningportal.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?CaseID=3006425&ColD=0>

The failure of the appeal comes as a relief to most local people who had feared the negative impact that such a significant structure would have on the area for tourism, the environment and planned growth for the Town.

Speaking after the announcement Town Mayor, Ian Ward, said *"This is a wonderful outcome for the Town, it removes a shadow from over the agreed planned and controlled development for the Town. It protects important environmental and heritage assets and the setting of the town which makes it so attractive for visitors"*.

Events at which the Town Council and Town were Represented in the Past Month

Date	Event	Represented by
12 June	Mere Melodies 25th Anniversary Concert	Town Mayor
13 June	Dudleston Heath/Crifting Church & School Fete	Town Mayor
17 June	Meres Day Centre Strawberry Tea	Town Mayor
20—21 June	Ellesmere Food Festival, Town Hall & Market Hall	Town Mayor Deputy Mayor
21 June	Mayor of Oswestry's Civic Service, Oswestry	Town Mayor
23 June	Community Steering Group, Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme	Town Mayor
23 June	Official Launch of 'PURR' Project, Shrewsbury	Town Mayor
27 June	Armed Forces Day, and Unveiling of the Plaque Commemorating the Fallen of Ellesmere in World War One	Town Councillors
27 June	Ellesmere Library Coffee Morning	Town Mayor
28 June	Mayor of Ludlow's Sunday Service, Ludlow	Town Mayor
3 July	Tesco Ellesmere, Food Bank Collection	Town Mayor
3 July	Opening of Wharf Road, Housing Association Housing	Town Mayor Deputy Mayor
5 July	Ellesmere Regatta	Town Mayor

PURR Project

The PURR Project was officially launched in Shrewsbury on 23rd June.

This is an ambitious Pro-

ject being by Shropshire Cat Rescue to serve Shropshire.

Full details of the Project

and its fundraising target can be found at www.shropshirecatrescue.co.uk/#!the-purr-project/c20tf

Highways Sub-committee

In the past month the sub-committee has met with representatives of Shropshire Council's Highways Contractors Mouchel to discuss resurfacing proposals for Victoria Street, Willow Street and the Sparbridge roundabout.

Councillors were very impressed with the research that had been undertaken and the explanations given as to the reasons why Sparbridge roundabout continues to incur damage, etc. and the suggested solutions.

It is believed that a fu-

ture program of works to correct the approaches to the roundabout seriously needs to be devised.

This will feature as a proposed Highways improvement priority for the Town Council to consider.

Constructive discussions were also held regarding the temporary diversion routes for the duration of the resurfacing works to be carried out in Willow Street and Victoria Street to the Scotland Street mini roundabout, which will involve over-

night road closures.

A meeting was also held with Mr David Gradwell from Shropshire Council Highways Department concerning road safety issues.

The issues discussed included parking restrictions in Cambria Avenue, introducing No Waiting restrictions for both sides of Scotland Street from Wharf Road to the Market Street, a 20 mph Speed Limit for the central area of the Town.



Church Hill

Highways

"The key themes are;

- Road Resurfacing
- Traffic Management & Calming
- Junction Management"

Official Opening of Housing in Wharf Road

On 3rd July, Wrekin Housing Trust held a small official opening ceremony for the new Housing Association homes in Wharf Road, which was attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was undertaken by Ellesmere Town's Shropshire Council member Ann Hartley.

All the houses and all but one of the apartments are already occupied by local people who have ex-

pressed their enthusiasm at being



able to make their homes in the new properties the centre of the Town.

Council Website Review Update

Changes have been made to the Council's website during the past month. This has included features such as details of all committee memberships and representation on outside bodies being linked to the individual Councillor.

Further suggestions for improvements to the website would be welcomed by Jo Butterworth, Assistant Clerk, who is undertaking the review.

All road closures and diversions, traffic restrictions, roadworks, live incidents, special events, etc can be checked out at www.roadworks.org. This includes information about the nature of the issue, likely effects and planned duration.



Armed Forces Day 2015

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World War One Memorial Unveiled (continued from Page 1)

It was agreed that the Town Council would take responsibility for commissioning and financing the production of the plaque.

The project was led by the former Town Mayor Alan Clarke and involved a number of key people working on it from design to completion. I would particularly like to mention the following who were involved with carrying out this work, Mr John Moloney, Mandy Evans (Town Clerk), Ellesmere Branch of the Royal British Legion (especially the input from Bob McBride), Clive Knowles (of British Ironworks), Joe Bailey (Sculptor) and Castle Fine Arts (for the fabrication).

This plaque demonstrates that we have remembered and will continue to remember the great sacrifices of those from Ellesmere who gave their lives during the First World War, its long term impact on families and the local community and its continuing relevance in the world today.

Occupying this prominent position outside the Town Hall it will serve as a permanent reminder to the local community and its future generations of the high level of respect with which those who made the ultimate sacrifice are remembered."

Members Training

Training attended by the SALC website sessions SALC are reviewing details supplied with the training advertised, for example, to indicate whether it is most appropriate to new or experienced Councillors.

Councillors and Officers during the past month include Planning and Chairmanship.

The planned Training/Events programme to the end of 2015 can be found at

Please inform the Town Clerk if you are interested in attending any of the sessions.

Following feedback from earlier training

Current Diary Events for July & August 2015 (at time of publication)

Date	Event	Representing the Council
8 July	Community LED Housing, Orleton	Town Mayor Deputy Mayor
12 July	Hope House, Ellesmere Branch, Strawberry Tea	Town Mayor
23 July	Town Council Open Evening	All Councillors

Armed Forces Day

Many thanks to all those who attended, participated and helped at the Armed Forces Day flag Raising Ceremony on 27th June.

It was a fitting tribute demonstrating our appreciation to those currently serving in the Armed Forces, their families, Veterans and Cadets.