

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Newent Town Council held on Monday 24th January 2022 at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs C Howley, Mrs M Duffield, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs G Moseley, Mr A Ralph, Mrs K Draper, Mr E Heathfield, Mr R Beard, and Mrs K Selwyn (arrived 7.41pm)

Also present – The Clerk and 5 Members of the public

Public Participation Session

There was 1 public speaker

Speaker 1

The speaker spoke in support of the Council providing a councillor representative to the Newent Neighbourhood Flood Association (also known as NNF Association).

1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs R Wadley, Mrs J Gooch, Mrs W Odhiambo and Ms C Birkan.

2. Declarations and Interest on items on the agenda:

Councillor Mr E Heathfield declared an interest in Item 10 Valegro Statue.

Councillor Mrs K Draper declared an interest in 5.1 To approve the accounts to be paid and Item 10 Valegro Statue.

Councillor Mr R Beard declared an interest in 5.1 To approve the accounts to be paid and Item 10 Valegro Statue.

Councillor Mrs G Moseley declared an interest in Item 10 Valegro Statue.

3. To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022

Item 6 Policy Reviews and updates

6.2 To approve the Financial Regulations January 2022

Councillors Mrs W Odhiambo voted FOR not AGAINST the Amendment proposals.

Subject to this change the Council agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate summary of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's update and matters arising from previous minutes

4.1 To note the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was noted.

Councillors Mr R Beard & Mrs K Draper left the meeting.

5. Finance

5.1 To approve the accounts to be paid.

Name	Total
Chris Hyett	£420.00
Direct Autos	£355.26
Ermin Plant	£515.93
Jenny Smith	£40.00
Makinson Chartered Accountants	£114.00
Network Connections Ltd	£789.00
Lighting & Illumination Technology	£1,014.00
Oakey & Son Electrical Services Ltd	£135.00
G D Parker	£73.93
Peninsula H&S	£22.28
Geosphere Ltd	£360.00
Total	£3,839.40

A councillor queried whether the payment to Parish Online for £360.00 was a duplicate subscription.

The Clerk is to check for any duplication.

The Council unanimously approved the accounts to be paid to a value of £3,839.40.

	DIRECT DEBITS PAID		Total	ITEM	METHOD
31.12.21	EE	£	90.06	Mobile Phone	Direct Debit
27.12.21	AllStar	£	222.44	Fuel	Direct Debit
04.01.22	Lex Autolease	£	378.98	Vehicle Lease	Direct Debit
05.01.22	AllStar	£	1.80	Fuel	Direct Debit
07.01.22	Spoton	£	54.00	Internet	Direct Debit
13.01.22	Lex Autolease	£	18.00	Vehicle Lease	Direct Debit
	Totals	£	765.28		

Councillors Mr R Beard & Mrs K Draper returned to the meeting.

5.2 To note the RFO Report.

The RFO's Report was noted.

6. To agree the budget, and resultant PRECEPT of £318,849 for 2022/2023

A Recorded Vote was called for on the budget, and resultant PRECEPT of £318,849 for 2022/2023

In Favour: Councillors Mrs C Howley, Mrs M Duffield, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs G Moseley, Mr A Ralph, Mrs K Draper and Mr R Beard

Against: Councillor Mr E Heathfield

Abstain: 0

The Council by majority decision agree the budget, and resultant PRECEPT of £318,849 for 2022/2023

7. To approve the Internal Auditor **7.1 To approve Gloucester Association of Parish & Town Councils (GAPTC) as the Internal Auditor.**

The Council unanimously/ approve GAPTC as the Internal Auditor. The Council has assured itself that the auditor is independent and competent.

8. Land off Bradfords Lane Naming five Streets **8.1 To provide five street names for consideration to the Forest of Dean District Council, for the development on the land off Bradfords Lane.**

The councillors provided the following names for consideration to the Forest of Dean District Council, for the development on the land off Bradfords Lane.

- i. Chase View
- ii. Lady Raikes Way
- iii. David Blick Walk – subject to the family agreeing to this proposal
- iv. Chestnut Grove
- v. Jubilee Way

9. Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations **9.1 To discuss plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

The council discussed plans for the Queen Jubilee Celebration.

Councillors who are interested in being part of a group should contact the Clerk who will co-ordinate the meetings.

The Council unanimously agreed to set up a group to oversee and develop the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Councillor Mr K Selwyn joined the meeting (7.41pm)

Councillors Mr E Heathfield, Mrs K Draper and Mrs G Moseley left the meeting.

10. Valegro Statue

10.1 To approve the amended figure offered from Newent Initiative Trust from the originally stated £6250 to £3037.92, subject to the 'Amendment Agreement' being signed.

The Council by majority decision approve the amended figure offered from Newent Initiative Trust from the originally stated £6250 to £3037.92, subject to the 'Amendment Agreement' being signed.

10.2 To accept ownership and responsibility for the Valegro Statue.

The Council by majority decision accept ownership and responsibility for the Valegro Statue.

Councillors Mr E Heathfield, Mrs K Draper and Mrs G Moseley returned to the meeting.

11. Newent Neighbourhood Flood Association

11.1 For the council to consider providing a councillor representative to the Newent Neighbourhood Flood Association (also known as NNF Association).

The Council unanimously agree that Councillor Mrs R Wadley shall be the councillor representative on the Newent Neighbourhood Flood Association (also known as NNF Association).

12. Planning

12.1 Planning applications to be considered

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Planning applications received from the Forest of Dean District Council for consideration by Newent Town Council at its meeting on Monday 24 January 2022.

1. P2112/21/FUL Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission P1219/19/FUL to allow for a relocation of the front entrance door with ground works to create level access from pavement level, changes to the internal layout and the replacement of windows

The Council unanimously agreed to make "No Objection" to this application.

2. P1960/21/FUL 17 The Scarr, Newent
Proposed erection of a steel framed agricultural building for the housing of livestock
REVISED PLANS/INFORMATION

The Council unanimously agreed to make “No Objection” to this application.

12.2 To note planning decisions.

The Planning Decisions were noted

DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P1385/21/FUL Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent
Proposed relocation of front entrance door with ground works proposed to create level access from pavement level into internal ground floor and changes to the internal layout. Proposed replacement of windows as indicated within the accompanying drawings.

Application withdrawn

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm