

**Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Clun**

**Present-** Cllrs Jack Limond (Chairman), Gary Mills, Linda Hurcombe, Matt Donaldson, James McVicar, Ryan Davies, Vic Butt and Brian Angell

In attendance was the Clerk & RFO Darren Knipe, County Cllr Nigel Hartin, representatives from SpArC, and three members of the public.

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

The Chairman welcomed all Members, and the members of the public to the meeting.

**84. To receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Reg Maund

**85. Declarations of Interest**

- a) To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. Members are requested to identify the nature of the interest and indicate whether it is personal or prejudicial

**None Received**

- b) To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Clerk and not previously considered.

**None Received**

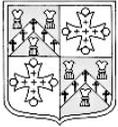
**86. Meeting Open to the Public - Time for this session is limited to 10 minutes**

No comments made

**87. To receive and consider a presentation from SpArC**

Richard Whately (Chairman) and Graham Hemmings (Treasurer) came as representatives of SpArC. It was explained that the key objectives of the organisation had been to save the building. SpArC was one of six venues to be given a Tier 1 leisure hub status in Shropshire, which means it currently receives core funding.

The trust wants the leisure aspect to be better equipped, offer a better service, and provide better training to all staff. The theatre and arts section are working well, and not currently under review.



Currently, Teme Leisure manages the leisure contract, but the trust is not happy with the current arrangement, and are seeking a new tender process. The assets of the building belong to SCC.

Investment is needed in staff development, upgrading IT system, and improving energy efficiency. Currently, SCC provide funding of £80k a year, but this is being tapered off over next 5 years. The service has also lost £35k a year funding from what schools were able to provide.

The desire is to seek committed income rather than rely on fundraising, which has exhausted the effort of all volunteers involved. As part of this initiative, they are seeking the gap that was funded for school use to be covered by local Parish Councils. So far £20k has been committed, with £17k of this promised annually.

Statistics gathered showed the parish of Clun had 75 primary school users and 42 Secondary users, with 25% of total membership users coming from the SY7 postcode area, 10% of theatre attendance and 50 GP referrals.

National statistics show 1.1million children cannot swim, with 300 swimming pools closing in last 5 years.

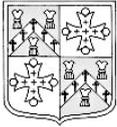
#### **88. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin**

- a) Highways – Cllr Hartin explained that budget spend decisions used to be allocated to each Divisional Surveyor, who would then prioritise repairs in their area. Recently, the Asset Management team have decided to centralise the decision process, resulting in rural areas losing out to urban priorities. As a result, the Divisional Surveyor no longer has any control, and can only pass repair requests up the ladder for consideration.

Between January 2017 and December 2017 there were 136 pot hole claims for damage. Between January 2018 to present there have been 1046 claims, with SCC trying to contest most of them.

- b) Council Leader, Peter Nutting, and Portfolio Manager, Nick Lawrence will be coming to Clun to discuss rural employment economic strategy.
- c) CIL – rumours are circulating that a bigger share of the payment scheme will be going to a central SCC, rather than directly to local parish councils. It was pointed out that such a policy would mean there is little incentive for rural communities such as Clun to support any further housing development, as the strain on local services and road use would not be offset from any benefit.

The clerk was asked to write to Peter Nutting to ask for confirmation if SCC do plan to reduce the share of CIL paid to local parish councils.



**89. To approve the Minutes of Meeting Held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Angell, seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September were a true and proper record subject to the following amendment: 71) opening sentence "Councillors had assumed" to be changed to "The Chairman had assumed". This was then signed by the chairman.

**90. To consider any Matters Arising from the minutes**

- a) 70b The clerk reported that Highline Electrical had sent a bill for 2hrs work for £63.60 removing the light and making safe, but no other labour charge had been made for putting up the temporary light in August. Cllr Angell noted that the lighting bracket still remained on the property.
- b) 70d Cllr Limond reported that power was being shut off in parts of Clun, which will affect the time setting of the clock.
- c) 74a The clerk reported that Mr Bamber was coming out to look at the noticeboard.
- d) 81a The clerk reported that English Heritage were sending someone out to look at the bridge.

**91. To review and consider report on Transport Consultation Plan**

Cllr Angell reported that he had attended a consultation day, but felt it had been poorly facilitated, and did not get much out of it other than a survey received to gather rural council views.

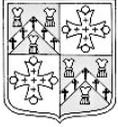
Cllr Angell explained he was meeting with the Transport Commissioner, where he would be asking how we move forward as council with the transport issues. He would share the questionnaire with council via email, and asked for any responses to be made by the end of the following week.

**92. To receive reports from Councillors attending meetings and outside organisations**

- a) Cllr Butt informed council that she was unable to get hold of the person supposedly dealing with the Clun Neighbourhood Plan, and felt that it was difficult to see how council move forward without a proactive core group, as developing such a plan involved a huge amount of energy and time.

Cllr Donaldson suggested that the clerk should contact the clerk of Cleobury Mortimer, to see if anything could be learnt from the model they were using, including any costs and hurdles faced.

- b) Cllr Donaldson reported on the Memorial Hall playground and the desire to get the park safe and ready for upcoming ROSPA inspection, with the view that they would like to look at possibly handing it over to the parish council.



- c) Cllr Angell reported on the recent traffic survey carried out by volunteers for the Working Traffic Group. 20 volunteers were involved, with data showing during the timeslots few HGVs were recorded, but that their impact was massive. Main traffic came from south to A49 north in the morning, and vice versa later in the day. There were also a significant number of speeding vehicles noted on the hill down from Knighton.

Cllr Limond asked for a vote of thanks to all the volunteers involved, which all heartily agreed.

**93. To consider any observations on Planning Matters**

- a. **18/04089/FUL** - Brook House, Pentre, Bucknell, Shropshire, SY7 0BU - Erection of a 2 bay garage and move existing

**No Comment**

**94. To receive and consider the Report of the Town Clerk**

- a) The clerk reported that the month had been a relatively quiet one.
- b) The clerk had met with Mr Frank Nicholson, and received trust documents, which had been placed in the town hall safe for safekeeping.
- c) The clerk reported that he had started his CiLCA training.
- d) A broken light had been reported in Hospital Lane, but Highline Electrical had already been out to repair.
- e) The clerk asked what was happening about the Christmas lights. Cllr Limond stated that the clerk needed to apply for a permit from SCC as the lights needed to cross over the road.

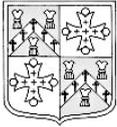
**95. To consider and approve any Council Annual Subscriptions**

**None Received**

**96. To review and approve any training**

**None Received**

Cllr Limond stated that as according to the recent amendments to the Standing Orders, his current term in office as mayor was coming to an end, it may be prudent that any councillor wishing to consider putting themselves forward should consider attending some training.



The clerk was asked to find out from SALC when their next Chair training course was happening.

**97. To receive and consider any Grant and Donation requests**

**None Received**

Cllr McVicar proposed that the clerk send any recent correspondence from SpArC, and make it an agenda item for next meeting so that they may consider what financial support they may give. This was seconded by Cllr Angell and agreed by all.

**98. Financial Matters**

- a) To review and approve the Financial Report

Cllr Hurcombe proposed, seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed by all to accept the Schedule of Payments. This was signed by the chairman.

- b) To review and consider banking and accounting services

The clerk informed council that he had now obtained the bank feeds for the Unity Bank, and was waiting on HSBC to set up internet banking, so that finally a full reconciliation could be done.

**99. To review any Correspondence received**

- a) Barry Oldham re Remembrance wreath – Cllr McVicar was asked if he had a high resolution version of the council crest that could be used on the wreath.

**100. To receive the Mayors Report**

**None Received**

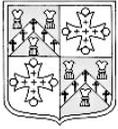
**101. Other Items brought to the Council's Attention by Councillors**

- a) Cllr Angell reported that the bench in the bridge car park was in poor condition. It had also been noted damage around the doorway of the town hall.

Cllr Mills was asked to look at for his opinion.

It was also suggested that it may be time for the clerk to do a full asset review.

Cllr Davies reported that trees were growing over the light in Newport Street. Also, Andrew Wallace had reported that due to access issues, he did not want to carry out maintenance on the rose garden at the top of Bridge St on corner with High Street.



**102. To receive and consider Agenda items for the next meeting**

- a) SpArC – consider support
- b) Memorial Hall – consider asset transfer and toilets

**103. Date of Next Meeting**

To be held on Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> November 2018** at **Clun Memorial Hall**

**Meeting Closed at 21.27**

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNIATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018