

CLUN TOWN COUNCIL

with CHAPEL LAWN

Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 4th February 2020 at the Clun Memorial Hall

Present- Cllrs Brian Angell, Reg Maund, Matt Donaldson, Linda Hurcombe and Bill Shepherd.

In attendance was the Clerk & RFO Darren Knipe, and five members of the public.

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

423. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Jack Limond and Ryan Davies.

424. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

425. To consider requests for dispensation

None received.

426. Meeting open to the public. Time for this session is limited to 10 minutes

- a) Gary Mills made a comment about the limit of 5 minutes to speak as public, and wishing to see the allocation of land in Clun to change to other sites.

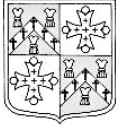
427. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin

- a) The dire situation relating to potholes has now received the attention of SCC Chief Executive, and he is taking an active role in meeting with Highways staff and widening the responsibilities of the Highways head, Steve Brown. Although reserves are now being released, spending £130,000 on a consultant to explain to Highways how to effectively fill in a pothole properly is questionable.

428. To resolve that the minutes of the Council general meeting held on 7th January 2020 are a correct record

It was proposed by Cllr Shepherd, seconded by Cllr Angell and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2020 were a true and proper record, subject to correction:

410) should read Bamford not Banford.



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The Minutes were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

429. To consider and resolve any matters arising from the minutes

- a) 414c – clerk to chase up.
- b) 421 – clerk to investigate.

430. To receive the Mayor's Report

- a) Cllr Angell met four members of the public regarding economic sustainability as mentioned in the Chronicle, and this will be followed up.
- b) Castle St proposed development – it is expected that the Planning Committee will discuss this on 10th March, and Cllr Angell will attend the Public Gallery to observe.
- c) The render on the Town Hall has been reported by the Museum Trust as loose in places above door entrance. There are also stonework concerns, and a proper assessment should be carried out due to listed status. Clerk to look into this.
- d) Research into the Black Hill land has shown that Council never owned it.

431. To consider support for Walkers are Welcome

The Walkers are Welcome membership was discussed. In the past the Tourism Group has handled this, but no longer have the time. It was acknowledged that it raises the profile of the area as a friendly walking area, and that several local venues display the logo.

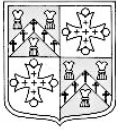
Cllr Angell proposed that Council support the Walkers are Welcome initiative. This was seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all.

Cllr Angell proposed that Council support the audit required for membership of Walkers are Welcome. This was seconded by Cllr Donaldson and agreed by all.

Cllr Angell proposed that Council support the membership fee of £50 to Walkers are Welcome. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all.

432. To consider the running of a writing competition

Cllr Hurcombe had agreed to take on the responsibility of running the writing competition. She stated that she was looking for judges.



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Cllr Donaldson proposed to run the competition again with the eligibility for entering being intrinsically connected to Clun through living or working in the Parish or attending the local St Georges School.

This was seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all.

433. To approve the dates of council meetings held in 2020

The proposed dates of Council meetings held in 2020 were presented by the clerk, and agreed by all.

434. To approve the dates of the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting

It was proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Saturday 16th May at the Hightown Community Rooms. The clerk is to confirm date is available and report back.

435. To consider planning applications

- a) **19/05547/FUL** - Proposed Barn Conversions At Argoed Farm, Argoed, Clun, Shropshire Conversion of two barns to 2No dwellings and installation of septic tank

Majority Support with 1 against, 1 abstain

- b) **20/00255/LBC** - Little Hobarris Barn, Hobarris, Bucknell, Shropshire, SY7 0BX - Replacement of single glass panes in oak window frames with stepped double glazed units (no alteration will be needed to the existing frame or their appearance) affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Support

- c) **20/00131/LBC** - Owen Chapel Lawn Farm, Chapel Lawn, Bucknell, Shropshire, SY7 0BW Replacement of all windows; rewiring and plumbing

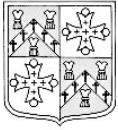
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436. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings

a) Working Groups and Sub-Committees

- i. Working Traffic Group – met on the 13th January with SCC Highways team headed by Alun Morgan. Some progress was made with a timescale of 18 months – 3 years focussed on drainage.

A project partnership team was suggested with members of Highways and Council. Cllr Angell proposed a Terms of Reference that had been drafted to be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Donaldson and agreed by all.



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It was suggested that the WTG review option to be formally adopted as a sub-committee.

- ii. Toilet Working Group – Cllr Maund stated works were on going, with a new tap to be fitted in one of the toilets.
- iii. Cllr Hurcombe had attended the Enterprise House meeting and reported that she had observed a great resource and was inspired by the amount of activity.

b) Other groups and organisations

- i. Environment Group – Cllr Donaldson had attended the group meeting and observed that as Council had declared a Climate Emergency, it should be policy to make an environmental statement when commenting on planning matters. It was agreed Cllr Donaldson would draw up a recommended wording policy and to be an agenda item for next meeting.
- ii. SALC – Cllr Angell had attended an area sub-committee meeting and found it gave valuable insight. The Chief Executive of Connexus reported that they would be investing in community projects.

SCC were happy to do a housing needs survey. Clerk to invite Matthew Mead to a Council meeting.

SCC also reported Highways have a new person looking at systems, and that there was going to be no more Business Rates on public toilets in the future.

Cllr Hurcombe gave her apologies and left the meeting at 20.50

437. To receive and consider the report of the Town Clerk

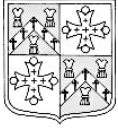
- a) The Memorial Hall had asked for an extension on timeframe to spend grant monies received for the Play area. Council agreed, and clerk to write to the committee requesting confirmation of the end date of completion.
- b) The tilting of some of the headstones in the cemetery were of concern. Cllr Angell proposed to get two worst ones laid and to review others. This was seconded by Cllr Donaldson and agreed by all.

438. Financial Matters

a) To receive and consider any Grant and Donation requests

Walkers are Welcome subscription cost £50 already approved.

b) To review and approve the payment schedule



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Cllr Angell proposed to accept the Payment Schedule. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all

c) To consider and approve the Tender Application and advert wording for:

- i. The Parish Council Public Toilets Cleaning and Maintenance Contract 2020-2021

Cllr Angell proposed to accept the terms of the contract. This was seconded by Cllr Donaldson and agreed by all.

- ii. The Parish Council Cemetery Grass Cutting and Maintenance Contract 2020-2021

Cllr Angell proposed to accept the terms of the contract. This was seconded by Cllr Donaldson and agreed by all.

439. To review any correspondence received

None to report.

440. Other Items brought to the Council's attention by Councillors

None.

441. To receive and consider Agenda items for the next meeting

None to add.

442. Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at Clun Memorial Hall

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the next items of discussion.

Meeting closed to Public at 21.10

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNIATURE: _____

Dated: 3rd March 2020