

CLUN TOWN COUNCIL

with CHAPEL LAWN

Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 5th November 2019 at the Clun Memorial Hall

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

In attendance were County Cllr Nigel Hartin, the Clerk & RFO Darren Knipe, and seven members of the public.

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

367. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Ryan Davies and James McVicar.

368. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Limond declared interest in any VE Day discussions due to licensed premises.

Cllr Limond and Cllr Mills declared an interest in Planning Application 19/04463/TCA as both had properties overlooking this.

369. To consider requests for dispensation

None received.

370. To resolve whether Council meetings should be audio or video recorded

Cllr Limond proposed to continue to audio record the meetings and make available to the public subject to legal issues and cost.

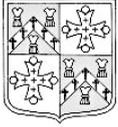
This was seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all.

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

a) Angela Martin stated she had sent the draft Memorial Hall Open Space plan to the clerk for circulation. Clerk to share with council.

372. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin

a) Not a lot of council activity to report due to imminent election.



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- b) Highways have had a whistle blower regarding concerns to monitoring policy of KIER contracts. This is going out to press, with questions being asked about scrutiny, and the way these contracts are dealt with.
- c) Nominations are coming in for the General Election. Once this process begins, Cllr Hartin won't be able to comment much as it may be seen as having an influence on the campaign.

373. To resolve that the minutes of the Council general meeting held on 1st October 2019 are a correct record

It was proposed by Cllr Limond, seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2019 were a true and proper record..

The Minutes were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

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

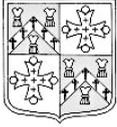
- a) 349 – no news from Highways re Public Meeting.
- b) 364 – the clerk is to ensure this is a full agenda item at next meeting.

375. To receive the Mayor's Report

- a) Discussed with Personnel chairman about developing some robust procedure policies.
- b) Spent time with Cllr Maund at the public toilets looking at the electronics and equipment. Proposals were looked at given that the sensors were failing on the taps, and needed a cost effective solution. This includes replacing the taps with a faucet push style as well as moving the dryers into the cubicles themselves.
- c) Looked at the toilets after the flooding, and noted that they had been pressure washed by the cleaner. However, also noted that some grouting had been loosened on the sloping slabs.
- d) Looked at the benches and other assets after the flooding. Those closest to the toilets had moved, and damage done to cross slats. Also, a table at Waterloo Bridge donated by the Walking Group needed fixing to the ground before it faces getting washed away. Clerk to get quotes to undertake repairs.

376. To consider planning applications

- a) **19/04463/TCA** - 22 The Square, Clun, SY7 8JA - Pollard at 1.5 metres 6no Eucalyptus within Clun Conservation Area.



Support

377. To consider a VE Day street party for May bank holiday 2020

Cllr McVicar intends to put an article in the December Chronicle with notice of a meeting in January. He had not yet contacted the Royal British Legion as there was nothing to be undone, but any group would want to build on what has already been done.

378. To consider engineer report on Waterloo Bridge

There was not much in the report from SCC. It would cost £500 to get the paint tested for lead and compatibility.

The Environmental Agency had sent documents stating that a license costing £460 would be required to put scaffolding up to span the river. This would also be restricted to the months it can be carried out. This would mean a low estimate to do the work of £5,000 plus, if Council were to undertake the charge of the work.

Cllr Shepherd pointed out that the sewage pipe runs along the side, secured to the bridge with large clamps. This would have had timber packing between, but has completely rotted away. Therefore, Severn Trent should be made aware of this risk, as there is a shared responsibility between themselves and SCC.

Also, the part that looks the worse, but easily resolved is replacing the handrails.

Cllr Limond pointed out that should the sewage pipe collapse and waste impact on the mussels in river, SCC would be responsible for paying the multi million pound fine. Council should consider the fact that they are fighting to protect an asset which it does not own, and will cost thousands to put right, simply because it does not like the look of it.

Cllr Angell proposed that the council stop pursuing looking at costs, paint is already going into the river and there are sewer pipe concerns, which need formerly bringing to SCC attention.

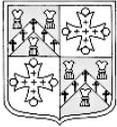
This was seconded by Cllr Limond and agreed by all.

The clerk is to write to Trent Water and EA and pointing out the above issues.

379. To review and approve Council policies

a) Unreasonably Persistent and Vexatious Procedure Policy

Council accepted the policy in principle, but want it to be redrafted. The clerk is to circulate for approval at the next meeting.



380. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings

a) Working Groups and Sub-Committees

- i. Working Traffic Group have nothing to report
- ii. Personnel Committee – Cllr Limond stated that there were few policies in place that had been formalised, which will present at next meeting.

It was acknowledged that we should have had a clerk review, but this will happen before next meeting. The committee also wanted to look at the clerk's hours, and issues.

b) Other groups and organisations

- i. Environment Group – Cllr Davies had nothing to report yet
- ii. ESWS (Enterprise House) – Cllr Donaldson who is current representative stated that he had been unable to attend meetings due to clashes and felt that he was not doing it the right service. Cllr Hurcombe offered to take on the role, which Cllr Donaldson accepted subject to getting agreement with ESWS.
- iii. Clun Memorial Hall – Cllr Donaldson stated that there was progress on discussions relating to all aspects regarding assets, the car park, and the play area. It was recognised that there was a need for a more robust funding plan.

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

- a) The damaged water pipe in the car park has been fixed. They discovered SCC had concreted the pipe in as part of the storm drain, which had caused the rupture. No more news from Trent Water regarding the bill.

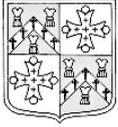
Cllr Mills asked if council had to pay. Cllr Limond stated that on the Land Registry the Council do not own that piece of land. The clerk explained that Trent Water's responsibility ended at the boundary, and then we are metered from there.

Cllr Hartin stated that he had received an email from Steve Brown at SCC who suggested the cost be split between SCC and Council.

It was agreed that Council look at getting the meter moved to within the boundary of the toilet block.

- b) The clerk had contacted the Cravern Arms clerk, who said they were having exactly same issues with their toilets. She gave the details of Graham Morris, who maintains the toilets there and at Ludlow, and many years ago also cleaned the Clun toilets. The issue with the sensors is that one cannot get replacements, but suggested to try and clean them first.
- c) The internal auditor Council has used had sent a letter of apology, but due to family circumstances, would not be taking on any work next year, so Council will need to find someone else.

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- d) Cllr Maund had informed clerk that turning the underfloor heating off and changing to LED lighting had shown about a 50% saving on electric.
- e) The RBL had contacted the clerk apologising for sending a smaller wreath than supposed, and offered a £20 rebate. Council decided to ignore offer and the £50 donation stands.
- f) English Heritage had sent an email of thanks for informing them about the tree and damaged steps, which were dealt with immediately.
- g) The Environmental Agency had been contacted about the silting of the river, but no action carried out yet. It was acknowledged by Council that this may have contributed to the recent flooding by the bridge.

382. Financial Matters

a) To receive and consider any Grant and Donation requests

- i. The Museum Trust had requested £500 for the inspection and repair of the stairlift.

Cllr Limond proposed Council pay the bill when it is done, and then can claim the VAT back, up to a maximum £500 plus VAT.

This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all.

- ii. The Memorial Hall had requested £500 towards materials in play area.

It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson to approve the grant. This was seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all.

- iii. Cllr Limond asked for a donation to the fire service Christmas meal in recognition for installing the Christmas lights as well as chocolates for the Santa Grotto.

Cllr Angell proposed a £350 donation. This was seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed by all.

b) To review and approve the payment schedule

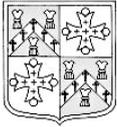
Cllr Limond proposed to accept the payment schedule. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all.

c) To review the current budget

Council considered the current year spend.

At 9.30 Cllr Angell in accordance with Standing Order rules asked council for approval to continue the meeting beyond the designated time of attendance. All agreed

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d) To review next year's budget

The clerk had shared a draft budget spend for next year, which was not set, but for consideration of ambitions.

There had been a considerable increase in income from bank interest due to transferring from HSBC, which earned £9 to a higher paying rate of £250 from Hampshire Trust.

Council had some concerns about the potential increase in Precept, and how it may go down with the electorate. The clerk explained that given the serious cutbacks and loss of services from SCC, the Council should start to consider what they may wish to take up, including giving more grant support to local groups.

The actual budget setting will be done in December's meeting.

383. To review any correspondence received

Clun Green Man asked permission to use the Town Hall again for the Santa Grotto, and agree to the donation of chocolates.

Cllr Angell proposed to agree to grant permission. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all.

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

a) None received.

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

a) Cllr Hurcombe asked for empty properties to be considered.

386. Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at Clun Memorial Hall

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

Dated: 10th December 2019