



Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn

MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Cllr. J. Limond Cllr. Bill Shepherd Cllr. R. Andrews Cllr. M. Duffee Cllr. B. Angell Cllr. R Davies Cllr. M. Wooldridge	Cllr. D. Morris

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

There was one members of the public present

	Agenda item	
117-2022	1.	<u>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES</u>

Please see above The Mayor thanked all for their attendance

118-2022	2.	<u>DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING</u>
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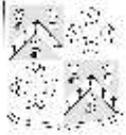
All members have an interest in the Clun Memorial Hall

Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Cllr. R. Davies	Budget 15(3)	✓	

119-2022	3.	<u>DISPENSATION REQUESTS</u>
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The Clerk reminded members that he had received a written dispensation from all Councillors in respect of the Memorial Hall as the Council was the Custodian Trustee. Without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business

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would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of business.

120-2022

4. PUBLIC SESSION

(i) Shropshire Councillor Report Cllr. Hartin

Cllr. Hartin reported the following

. RE: De-scoping of 120 rural properties from the Airband broadband delivery contract.

Further to my earlier email of the 13th January advising of this meeting next week, which I have set up & will Chair, I have been sent some questions by a resident, one of the 120 affected by the de-scoping of his property & business, which I thought are very relevant & might be useful to consider putting forward as part of the questioning of SC Officers (Chris Taylor & Ben Walker) & Airband next Tuesday - No doubt you will have others!

Why it was considered infeasible to lay fibre optic cable on the existing poles on the Clun Road while it is closed for tree work at the end of this month. If the poles are not acceptable for cable, why are they considered OK for the existing copper wire?

Why was there no consultation or engagement with residents prior to the decision. What are the statutory duties to engage?

What is the decision making process for finding an alternative solution? How will residents be engaged and informed in the process.

What is the realistic time frame for a solution to be found? The PM initially promised 100% coverage by 2025. This was later rolled back to 85% coverage and the remainder at some time thereafter. In other words, for areas like ours there is no timetable for connection whatsoever. We have been 'thrown under the bus' with this decision.

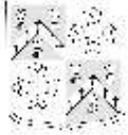
How is it that in repeated public-private partnerships like the one between Shropshire Council and Airband, contractors are able to pitch competitively for delivery and then renege on their commitments in the non-profitable areas boosting their overall margin. This is a repeated feature of public contracts.

How is Shropshire Council going to recoup the contract fee with Airband and more importantly, do they guarantee those funds will be used to find a solution in the de-scoped area? What is the size of this pot, how do we ensure it is spent here? Who monitors this, where is the oversight?

(ii) Police Report

No police present (newsletter circulated)

(iii) Public comments – There were no public comments



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121-2022 5. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of 6th December 2022, after amendments, were agreed that they were a true record of what transpired.

122-2022 6. **INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES**

The Action points needed to be added as agreed to ensure actions are not missed.

123-2022 7. **MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor gave a year-end report as to the main events over the last 12 months

124-2022 8. **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that he had the following updates

1. Lighting pole in Powell's Lane National Grid have been contacted
2. Car park (chase up Zoe Mortimer) No email has been received
3. Cemetery Wall the contractor has been to see the wall and there is 15 meters to repair.
4. Cemetery capacity no update as of yet (Edge digitising company have yet to come back to me)
5. Bench plaque had been received and was to be fixed.

125-2022 9. **PLANNING**

To consider the following planning applications and other planning matters

1. The Neighbourhood Plan

It had been arranged for a small group get together to discuss the way forward and a further survey was to take part later in the year.

Planning application

- a. 222/05716/DIS

Application to discharge Condition 4 (photographic recording) of listed building consent 20/04159/LBC | Castle Cottage The Square Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8JA



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This was discussed in council

b. 22/05533/LBC

Application for the replacement of five windows and one door. | 1 -
2 Walkmill Cottages The Green High Street Clun Craven Arms
Shropshire SY7 8NX 05171/SCR

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10. **LENGTHSMAN**

Update on the Lengthsman:

The contract having been amended, it was agreed that the post be advertise
the position as soon as possible.

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11. **WEBSITE**

Cllr. Duffee reported Parish online had been informed that they had been
the successful in their quote

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12. **ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

The report from Chrissie Verduyn was noted.

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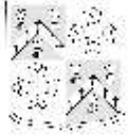
13. **HIGHWAYS**

It was reported that there would be a meeting arranged, for the members of
Clun Town Council Highways and Transport working group to discuss
clun highways signing proposals and road closures

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14. **FINANCE**

1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation
This was noted as was the performance to date against budget
2. To discuss the budget for 2023-2024
Following last month's budget discussion it was agreed that there
were areas of concern that there was an underfunding. It was agreed
that there was a need for the following budget headings to be
increased; the cemetery, town hall and staffing. It was therefore
agreed that the budget for 2023/2024 be £61500 with a precept
demand of £62000 .
3. To discuss the new water connection to the public convenience
This was discussed the 2 quotations were discussed
 - a. Pipeline £3600 to lay a new pipe connection from the toilet
block to road edge.
 - b. Severn Trent £4991.83 to make connect with main pipeline.



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It was agreed that this connect was to be progressed as quick as possible.

4. To approve the following invoices for payment.
5. HMRC £396.11p S1-8 Localism Act 2011
6. J. Churchett £500.00p (toilet Cleaning) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
7. G. J. Rippon £62.99p (home working allowance and Zoom subscription) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
8. S. Wallace £7.55p repair tap at cemetery S1-8 Localism Act 2011
9. Parish Online £360.00 (Website) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
10. Memorial Hall £97.50p S1-8 Localism Act 2011
11. Memorial Hall £40.00p S1-8 Localism Act 2011
12. PKF Littlejohn (external auditors) S1-8 Localism Act 2011

The above invoices were agreed, the clerk was instructed to pay all invoices.

131-2022 **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **There was no correspondence received**

132-2022 **16. INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS**

There was nothing to report under this heading

133-2022 **17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

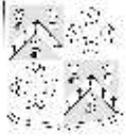
Website
Lengthsman

134-2022 **18. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meetings to be held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at Memorial Hall

Signed by the Chair.

Meeting closed 10.32pm



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Chair's initials