

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
 held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
 7 pm on Wednesday, 11th September 2019

Present: Cllr. Herbert Harper (in the Chair), Cllr. Kate Southan, Cllr. Marcus Themans, Cllr. Daniel Thomas, Cllr. Allan Walter

Town Clerk: Trudi Barrett

In attendance: a representative of the Lady Forester Trust

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2) Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Davy and Jenkins – work, Cllr. Hill – unwell, Cllr. Holyoak – prior engagement, Cllr. Whiteman – away.

These apologies were ACCEPTED and AGREED as APPROVED absence.

3) Disclosure of pecuniary interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer. None declared.

4) Dispensations

None requested.

5) LEADER Funding Application for Gaskell Recreation Ground

- a. Councillors noted that the Southern Shropshire Local Action Group had offered a 50% grant towards the project to install an accessway between William Brookes School and the Gaskell Ground and a surfaced path around the Ground, leaving a shortfall of £21,729 for the project.

Cllr Southan provided an overview of the project, which was included in the Development and Management Plan for the Gaskell Recreation Ground. The path would give access through from William Brookes School car park, allowing users to park closer to the Gaskell Ground and providing two designated disabled parking spaces close to the gate. The 2m wide path would go around the perimeter of the Ground and would be accessible to people in wheelchairs and mobility scooters and to those with pushchairs. It would connect with the Linden Walk and the railway walk. Those using the Ground could also gain easier access to the toilets in the Leisure Centre during public opening hours.

It was noted that the Olympian bowling competition had been moved to Broseley this year due to problems with access.

- b. Councillors considered options for providing the additional funding required and whether to accept the LEADER grant offer:

Option 1 – accept the grant offer, underwrite the shortfall and try to obtain additional funding.

Option 2 – decline the LEADER grant offer, use the money allocated by William Brookes School and the Town Council to create the access and address the path as a separate project later.

The representative from the Lady Forester Trust agreed to outline the situation to the Trust at their forthcoming meeting and to consider whether they could offer any financial support. Other possible sources of funding were suggested.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to accept the LEADER grant offered, to underwrite the shortfall in funding required and to seek funding from other sources to contribute to the cost.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed.....
 Town Mayor

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