

# **Much Wenlock Town Council**

Corn Exchange High Street Much Wenlock Shropshire TF13 6AE 01952 727509

townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk www.muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk

**Town Clerk: Trudi Barrett BA (Hons)** 

Date: 4th January 2024

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting of Much Wenlock Town Council will be held at **The Guildhall**, Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock commencing at **7 pm** on Thursday **11**<sup>th</sup> **January 2024** and Members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed.

Trudi Barrett BA (Hons)

Town Clerk

#### Meeting arrangements

Best efforts will be made to make the meeting accessible remotely via Zoom, audio only. Remote participation in the meeting will not be possible. Any questions from the public must be asked in person, or by submitting the question in writing to be read out at the meeting. The link to the meeting is here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84316035625?pwd=bVNGME5peGp0amQ1TTBFczNvbFhwZz09

Meeting ID: 843 1603 5625

Passcode: 231526

# AGENDA

## FILMING AND RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

Any person present at a Council meeting may not orally report or comment about a Council meeting as it takes place but otherwise may: film, photograph, or make an audio recording of a meeting; use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later; report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting, or orally report or comment after the meeting. Anyone making a recording for non-domestic purposes is advised to seek advice on their obligations to ensure any processing of personal information complies with the Data Protection Act.

Anyone who objects to being filmed or recorded should notify the Town Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.

#### 1. Chairman's welcome

Chairman's welcome and overview of recent activities.

# 2. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

# 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting, and which is not included in the register of interests. Members should 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.

#### 4. Dispensations

Requests for dispensation should be in writing, addressed to the Town Clerk and received prior to the meeting.

## 5. Public Session

At the discretion of the Chairman, members of the public, who have given prior written notice to the Town Clerk, may ask questions of the Council concerning matters on the agenda.

# 6. Policing

To receive a report from the Local Policing Team.

#### 7. Shropshire Council Report

To receive a verbal report from Shropshire Councillor Dan Thomas on Shropshire Council matters specifically relating to Much Wenlock.

#### 8. Minutes

- a. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- b. To adopt the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- c. To adopt the minutes of the HR Committee meeting held on 21st November 2023.

#### 9. Town Clerk's Report

To receive a written report from the Town Clerk.

# 10. 2024/25 Budget

To consider for approval the 2024/25 budget and precept, as recommended by the Finance & Asset Management Committee.

#### 11. The Guildhall Project

To receive a verbal report on progress with the Guildhall project.

# 12. St Mary's Public Toilets

To receive an update on progress with the reconfiguration of the facilities.

#### 13. Neighbourhood Plan Review

To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan review and consider next steps.

#### 14. Stretton Road Drainage Work

To receive an update on the planned drainage work on Stretton Road.

#### 15. Gaskell Recreation Ground Charity

To receive a report from the Gaskell Recreation Ground Charity, following the AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

# 16. HSBC 'Pop Up' Banking Service

To note that HSBC will be providing 'pop up' banking services in Holy Trinity Church on Fridays, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March between 9.30am and 1.30pm and under the Corn Exchange on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### 17. Consultation

To consider a response to the following consultation:

- a. Shropshire Council Budget Consultation until 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- b. Shropshire Council Community Governance Reviews: proposed changes to parish council boundaries in five areas of Shropshire (not Much Wenlock), consultation until 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

# 18. Correspondence

To note the following items, which have been emailed to Members:

- a. SALC information bulletins and other information
- b. NALC newsletters and other information
- c. Press releases from Shropshire Council
- d. Rural Bulletins from the Rural Services Network
- e. Information from the RSN Rural Market Town Group
- f. VCSA newsletters
- g. News from Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust
- h. Listing of events at The Edge Arts Centre
- i. Lord Lieutenant's Christmas Newsletter
- j. Shropshire Hills National Landscape newsletter
- k. Met. Office Online Community Resilience Training Prospectus
- I. Star Housing December Bulletin
- m. West Mercia PCC Newsletter December 2023.

## 19. Agenda items for next Town Council meeting

Members are invited to suggest items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### 20. Date of next meeting

To NOTE that the next Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th February 2024 at 7.00pm at the Guildhall.

# Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it will be **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press should not be present.

# 21. 10 High Street

To receive an update on progress with letting the premises and consider any action required.