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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 **7th March 2024** and Members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed.....
Trudi Barrett BA (Hons)
Town Clerk

Date: 29th February 2024

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:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85928799477?pwd=NGtuZHFPT0xQOGt3MkJTYmUwQWtBQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 2879 9477

Passcode: 520339

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

- a. To receive a report from the Local Policing Team.
- b. To review policing priorities for the town: current priorities are theft (outbuildings), drugs, speeding.

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 8th February 2024.
- b. To adopt the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 9th January 2024.
- c. To adopt the minutes of the extraordinary HR Committee meeting held on 14th December 2023.

9. Town Clerk's Report

To receive a written report from the Town Clerk.

10. Nominations for Mayor 2024/2025

To receive nominations for Mayor for the civic year from May 2024 to May 2025.

11. Nominations for Deputy Mayor 2024/2025

To receive nominations for Deputy Mayor for the civic year from May 2024 to May 2025.

12. Annual Town Meeting – 18th April 2024

To note that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th April at the Priory Hall and to consider and agree the format of the meeting (previous year's agenda provided for information).

13. The Guildhall Project

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

14. Flower Bed at the Rear of the Guildhall

To note measures to improve the flower bed at the rear of the Guildhall.

15. Neighbourhood Plan Review

- a. To review arrangements for the public launch event for the Neighbourhood Plan review, to be held on Saturday, 9th March 2024 at the Priory Hall, between 10am and 4pm, and to consider any matters arising.
- b. To consider next steps.

16. Shropshire Local Plan Review

To receive an update on the Shropshire Local Plan Review and to consider any action required at this stage.

17. Windmill Hill – Local Nature Reserve Designation

- a. To resolve to formally declare Windmill Hill a Local Nature Reserve and to sign the declaration:
In pursuance of Sections 19 and 21 of the above-mentioned Act, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, Much Wenlock Town Council hereby declares that the land containing 2.83 hectares or thereabouts situated in the Parish of Much Wenlock in the County of Shropshire and shown edged red on the attached plan is the subject of a Nature Reserve Agreement entered into with the Council under Section 21 of the above-mentioned Act, AND in pursuance of Section 19(2) of the above-mentioned Act and all other powers aforesaid the Town Council hereby further declares that the said land is being managed as a Nature Reserve.
- b. To resolve to issue the public notice of the formal declaration of Windmill Hill as a Local Nature Reserve.
- c. To resolve to liaise with the Windmill Trust to make arrangements for a celebratory event in the summer.

18. D-Day Commemoration – 6th June 2024

To receive a report from the D-Day working group regarding arrangements to commemorate D-Day in June 2024.

19. Bowling Club Matchroom Floor

To note that the refurbishment of the Bowling Club matchroom floor has been completed, satisfactory invoices have been provided and the Council's agreed financial contribution has been transferred.

20. William Brookes School Sixth Form

To receive correspondence and a consultation document concerning the proposed closure of William Brookes School Sixth Form at the end of the 2024/24 academic year and to consider a response from the Town Council.

21. 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. Notification of Priory Hall AGM on 11th March 2024.
- j. Information from Homes Plus about rent increases 2024/25.

22. Agenda items for next Town Council meeting

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

23. Date of next meeting

To **NOTE** that the next Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th April 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.

24. 10 High Street

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