



SHIFNAL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Shifnal Town Council
Held at The Old Police Station, Tudor Way, Shifnal TF11 8DJ
On Wednesday 3rd November 2021 commencing at 18.00pm
Agenda dated 26th October 2021**

Present: Councillors: P. Williamson (Chairman)
K. Booker, J. Coulson, R. Cox, R. Haddon, D. Marriott, E. Moore,
J. Moore, T. Tarran, Z. Turner

In attendance: D. Gough (CPO)
2 x members of the public

179/21 Public Session

Members of the public raised the following concerns -

Gerald Nickless stated that the proposed concrete seats in the town were unacceptable. Gerald advised that he had asked a number of peoples' opinions around the Town and all those he spoke with agreed they did not want concrete. In addition he stated there is a requirement for electric points in the Town for future events, similar to Shrewsbury where they come up out of the ground. He also felt the speed limit signs were outdated and should be the latest signs modernising the town.

Mr Alvey raised two items. Firstly concerning the three seats currently by the Clock in Town stating they were solid and well-made and just required cleaning and could be re-used or re-purposed. He felt that concrete would be unsuitable and cold. Secondly, Mr Alvey queried whether more trees were going to be planted in Bradford Street and whether any could be planted in other areas such as Curriers Lane. Cllr. P. Williamson confirmed that there were some trees planned in the new development.

180/21 Commencement of Business

Councillor Williamson expressed thanks for councillors attending the meeting.

181/21 Apologies received from Councillors

Councillor L. Jenks
Councillor J. Horne
Councillor G. Tonkinson

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Signed by Mayor Councillor Paul Williamson
On behalf of Shifnal Town Council

No apologies received from:-

Councillor E. Bird
Councillor L. Prendergast

182/21 Declaration of Members' Interest

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate

None.

183/21 Shifnal Town Centre Enhancements Scheme -- Street Furniture Options

Cllr. P. Williamson confirmed that Shropshire Council have asked Shifnal Town Council to review two options for the proposed street furniture, both of which are concrete benches and steel planters etc. There is also a third option which has been researched and put together by the Councillors on the Working Group to be presented during the meeting.

The following were CONSIDERED:-

- Option 1: Shropshire Council asking for a contribution of £132,000 due to the increased purchase cost. This is the original option as sited in the contract.
- Option 2: Very similar to Option 1 in terms of design with zero cost requirement from Shifnal Town Council.
- Option 3: More traditional style researched by the Working Group and presented by Cllr. E. Moore.

It was NOTED that should the result of the overall vote decide on Option 3 then the Council would need to go through a number of hurdles with the need to agree the amendments with the Project Director, Steve Brown, resulting in amendment to the contract with McPhillips.

Cllr. P. Williamson presented Options 1 and 2 (presentation attached).

Cllr. E. Moore presented Option 3 from the working group. (presentation attached).

Observations :-

Cllr. T. Tarran requested confirmation that if Shifnal Town Council decided to stick with the original option (Option 1) that is in the contract, that Shropshire Council expect us to pay for it because this was not the suggested response from Steve Brown in email correspondence in early September. Cllr. P. Williamson confirmed his understanding from Andy Moreton that if we go with their initial Option 1 the Council will have to pay in excess of £132,000. Cllr. T. Tarran to search out and circulate a copy of the email from Steve Brown. ACTION.

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Consideration required for the area around Cheapside and bigger picture to stimulate interest in Shifnal and encourage markets and events to happen. Need to understand whether furniture would need to be moved out of the way and stored to enable those events to take place and therefore how that would be managed and associated cost. Alternatively, whether the furniture location can be designed in such a way as to not require temporary re-location for each event.

Concerns were raised over the maintenance of timber furniture and also whether white concrete would encourage graffiti vandalism.

Following discussion concerning all options, the Council voted unanimously for Option 3. Proposed by Cllr. E. Moore. Seconded by Cllr. Z. Turner.

Cllr. P. Williamson read through the requirements by Steve Brown in order to proceed with Option 3.

Next Step it was APPROVED for the Working Group to convey the Council decision at the next SITS working group meeting scheduled for Thursday 4th November 2021.

Cllr. P. Williamson PROPOSED that Cllr. E. Moore be formerly elected to the SITS Working Group. The proposal was APPROVED.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman.