

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ECONOMY & TOURISM
COMMITTEE**

HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Bradford, Furlonger, Howells, Hughes, l'Anson, McAll and Morris (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price – Town Clerk
Sophie Jarvis – Minute Taker

P60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harvey.

**P61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Hughes declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 232279 and informed members that he would not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Hughes would not take part in any discussion or vote regarding Planning Application No. 232279.

P62. NOLAN PRINCIPLES

The Chair asked that the Nolan Principles not be included in paper copies of the agendas going forward.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Nolan Principles be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Nolan Principles are not included in paper copies of the agenda going forward.**

P63. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED:

No members of the public were present.

P64. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ECONOMY & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2023.

Councillor Bradford proposed that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record, Councillor Hughes seconded this, and all members were in favour.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning, Economy & Tourism Committee held on 13 July 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Minute no. P53 be amended to read “..... that they would support this premises providing they trade responsibly.”

P65. TO REVIEW THE ACTION SHEET

Members discussed Glide Media and queried if they would be able to help produce and distribute leaflets for Ledbury. The Clerk informed members that the current Ledbury tourist leaflets need updating. Members agreed that they should all take time to view the Glide Media website and provide their feedback and views to the next committee meeting on whether Glide Media could be used to help design and distribute Ledbury leaflets.

Councillor Hughes raised concerns that the recommendation to Full Council regarding the “Ledbury Hopper” type service had not been considered at the Council meeting and asked how this could be avoided in the future. Members agreed that committee chairs should present their minutes at Full Council meetings to avoid recommendations being overlooked by Full Council.

Councillor Howells expressed his concern with regards to the lack of response from Herefordshire Council when sending reports. Members asked the Clerk to send a follow up email regarding the McCarthy Stone report written by Councillor Howells requesting a response from Herefordshire Council.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the contents of the action sheet be received and noted.**
- 2. That members view the Glide Media website and that this be an item for discussion at the September committee meeting with consideration being given as to whether Glide Media could be used to help design and distribute Ledbury leaflets.**

3. That Chairs of all committees present their minutes at future Full Council meetings to ensure that recommendations are not overlooked.
4. That the Clerk write to Herefordshire Council Planning Officers to request feedback on the report provided in response to the McCarthy Stone application.
5. That the Clerk enquire when the meeting to discuss the McCarthy Stone development is to take place and inform Councillor Howells when know, as he had been appointed to attend on behalf of the Council.
6. That the Clerk write to Herefordshire Council and enquire when the Local Plan Consultation will take place.

P66. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MARKETS WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of a meeting of the Markets Working Party held on 4 July 2023 be received and noted.

P67. PAINTED ROOM VISITOR NUMBERS MARCH – MAY 2023

The Clerk informed members that the Painted Room Manager is working on collating visitor numbers from previous years along with a business plan and budget report for future committee meetings.

The Chair requested that the Painted Room be a standing item on the Planning, Economy & Tourism Committee meetings moving forward.

RESOLVED:

That the Painted Room visitor numbers March – May 2023 be received and noted.

P68. STREET BANNERS

Members were provided with a report on Street Banners which suggested that working with Andrew Lawrence and Celia Kellet to investigate the possibility of having street banners in Ledbury.

RESOLVED:

That officers be authorised to proceed with a meeting with Andrew Lawrence and Celia Kellet to discuss this Street Banners for Ledbury, similar to those in Tewkesbury and that Councillors l'Anson and McAll be invited to the meeting.

P69.

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

i. Planning Application No. 231872

Conversion of and extensions to existing buildings to create a dwelling and associated works – Land to rear of 1 Bridge Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire

RESOLVED:

That Ledbury Town Council did not feel able to provide a response to this application, particularly in relation to how the works would be carried out in a sensitive manner in respect of wildlife. Therefore, they would request more information on this planning application before submitting any comments.

ii. Planning Application No. 231873

Conversion of and extensions to existing buildings to create a dwelling and associated works – Land to rear of 1 Bridge Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire. LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

RESOLVED:

That Ledbury Town Council did not feel able to provide a response to this application, particularly in relation to how the works would be carried out in a sensitive manner in respect of wildlife. Therefore, they would request more information on this planning application before submitting any comments.

iii. Planning Application No. 232071

Proposed external chimney flue and internal alterations – Y Pass Fish and Chip Shop – The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN

RESOLVED:

No objection.

iv. Planning Application No. 232161

Proposed external chimney flue and internal alterations – Y Pass Fish and Chip Shop – The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN – LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

RESOLVED:

No objection.

v. Planning Application No. 232149

T1 - Large Cherry, carefully reduce one large low lateral extending south over entrance drive to approximately 4.5 metres removing approximately 2 metres end weight. Lift canopy over entrance driveway to give approximately 5 metres clearance from ground level. Large limb extending north over sitting area towards hotel, reduce in length to approximately 5 metres removing end 2 metres to a suitable live point to reduce leverage and risk of branch collapse, and lifting canopy lightly over sitting area. Canopy adjacent to end gable wall South East, reduce to give approximately 2 metres clearance to wall. Remove deadwood within canopy – 25 High Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1DS

RESOLVED:

No objection.

vi. Planning Application No. 233235

Proposed portal framed cover to an existing silage bunker – Woodfield Farm, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2JB

RESOLVED:

No objection.

vii. Planning Application No. 232279

Garden room at rear of garden – 17 Kingsmead, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2LS

Councillor Hughes abstained from voting on this planning application due to declaring an interest.

RESOLVED:

No objection.

P70. TABLED APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

None received.

P71. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members discussed planning application No. 222107 in respect of comments submitted both in a meeting with the planners and developers and via a written submission, that consideration be given to bus stops at this site.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Planning Decisions document be received and noted.
2. That the Clerk be instructed to write to Planning Officers at Herefordshire Council to ask for a response on this request.

P72. SECTION 106 (Standing item)

The Chair asked if the Section 106 documentation could be sent to members electronically in the future?

Members discussed how S106 money could be used to improve the medical facilities in Ledbury, in particular the provision of an after-hours surgery. Members noted that this is not one of the categories listed on the S106 Programme Updates document from Herefordshire Council and recognised that this may not be something that can be considered under S106 expenditure.

Members noted that the Ledbury wish list needed updating, Councillor Bradford proposed that members use the current wish list as a guide and at the next Planning, Economy & Tourism meeting members update this for submission to Full Council for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the current Ledbury wish list be reviewed at the next Planning, Economy & Tourism Committee meeting with an amended wish list being recommended to the next Full Council meeting for approval.

P73. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the date of the next meeting of the Economy, Planning & Tourism Committee is scheduled for 14 September 2023.

The meeting ended at 8:22pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)