# Wem Town Council

Wem-Birthplace of the Modern Sweet Pea

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**Dear Councillor** 

You are hereby summoned to attend an ordinary meeting of WEM TOWN COUNCIL, which will be held in THE RODEN SUITE, EDINBURGH HOUSE, NEW STREET, WEM on THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7 p.m.

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# AGENDA

# 1 To receive apologies for absence.

#### 2 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.

a) To receive any disclosures of pecuniary 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.

b) To consider any applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011.

- **3 Public Participation Time** a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.
- 4 Council Minutes.

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**5 Progress report** - To note the Clerks progress report on matters arising at previous meetings (copy enclosed).

# 6 Planning Applications.

a) To note the recent planning decisions (copy enclosed).

**b) Mill Bank, Mill Street Housing Development** – to discuss condition of rebuilt stone wall fronting the new development at Mill Bank in Mill Street.

#### 7 Finance and Accounts for Payment

a) To consider monthly financial statement and monthly budget report.b) To approve accounts for payment and any payments made prior to meeting (presented at meeting).

c) To approve Payroll Contract 2019-20 (copy enclosed).

d) Town Council Insurance – to consider quote (copy enclosed).

- 8 Finance and Corporate Governance Committee meeting 16.4.19 to receive minutes and approve recommendations within the minutes (copy enclosed)..
- **9** Swimming Pool to consider quotes for purchase of Heat Exchange Unit.
- **10 Bus service consultation** to consider Shropshire Council's consultation on the Reduction of Local Bus Service Subsidies Financial Year 2019/20 (copy enclosed).
- **11 Climate Emergency** To consider following motion submitted by Cllr Mellings This Council notes that the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, published in October 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities and others.

As well as increasing temperatures and more extreme weather, human activities are also having a massive impact on nature. The worldwide population of mammals, birds, fish and aquatic creatures, amphibians and reptiles have plunged by almost 60 percent, since 1970. Current rates of species extinction are 100- to 1,000-times higher than the 'standard rate' of extinction. There are also huge health impacts associated with fossil fuels, for example, air pollution causes 40,000 excess deaths every year in the UK and reduces average life span globally by 2 years.

To reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that, as a species, we reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm. The good news is there are many social, environmental and economic benefits in doing so.

We welcome action by London, Bristol and other City Councils around the world to declare and commit resources to tackling a 'Climate Emergency'. We also welcome actions by other Town and Borough Councils such as Scarborough, Frome and Stroud and more locally Machynlleth, Welshpool and Oswestry to pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030. We therefore resolve that Wem Town Council:-

- 1) Supports the Declaration of a Climate Emergency
- 2) Pledges to make the Council carbon neutral by 2030
- 3) Calls on Westminster to provide powers and resources to make this possible

4) Signs up to the Covenant of Mayors

5) Requests that the Planning & Transport Committee develops a detailed Action Plan in pursuit of the above objectives and reports back within 6 months.

# 12 Reports

a) To receive reports from the Council's representatives to other bodies.

- b) To receive a report from Shropshire Council Councillors Mellings and Dee
- **13** Future agenda items for consideration Councillor's opportunity to raise items for inclusion on the next agenda Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making
- 14 Dates of future meetings to note the date of the May meeting

# 15 Exclusion of press and public

To resolve: That in accordance with s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting

on the grounds that the following items to be considered involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

#### Wem Sports and Social Association

a) To approve and give consent to the assignment of the leases of both Bowens Field (under the 1974 lease) and the Recreation Ground (under the 1967 lease) between the Urban Parish Council of Wem (1) and a number of Trustees on behalf of the Wem Sports and Social Association (2), from Wem Sports and Social Association to Wem Sports and Social Association CIO in accordance with the terms of the 1974 and 1967 lease

b) To consent to the underletting of the Hall, Bar and Members Lounge at Wem Sports and Social Club to the sub-tenant being Wem Sports and Social Club Limited. As per the terms of the 1974 lease (referred to above) such consent is not to be unreasonably withheld and the terms of the sub-lease are to be approved and contain the provisions referred to at clause 2(e) of the 1974 lease.