



Much Wenlock Town Council

Town Council Meeting

5th December 2024

Supporting Papers

Broseley and Much Wenlock Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Update to Much Wenlock Town Council: 28/11/2024

Update on Police and SNT activity in the area. In addition to the Officers in the Safer Neighbourhood Team, there is a team of Response Officers based in Bridgnorth Police Station who attend incidents in the area.

Neighbourhood Matters. Neighbourhood Matters is an online messaging service operated by West Mercia Police. SNT Officers are sending Crime Alerts and other locally relevant information out to all those who join the service. Please encourage everyone to check out the service by following the link - <https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

West Mercia Police has signed up to the Local Policing Community Charter. The Council has outlined its three main Policing Priorities as:

Theft (from outbuildings). There were no reported burglaries from outbuildings or farms however, there were four alarm activations in the Bridgnorth area, all thankfully false. One business has reported deception / fraud.

Anti-Social Driving. No reports of anti-Social Driving.

Speeding. No reports of Speeding.

There was one reported theft this month of fuel (making off without payment).

Suspicious circumstances. There has been a report of underage serving – this has been given to Licensing and a further report of hare coursing.

An incident of blackmail was reported from WBS.

There have been two reports of Anti-social Behaviour, one neighbour dispute and two claims of harassment, again between neighbours in the Bridgnorth area.

Road Traffic Issues.

There was one report of an RTC where the road was closed to recover a vehicle on its roof just outside Much Wenlock.

Four Highways incidents were reported, two involved deer, one for sheep in the road and the other due to failed traffic lights.

As there was an increased number of traffic issues reported last month, PSCO Goddard and I undertook some speed surveys. They were conducted on the A458 coming into Much Wenlock. 40 vehicles were checked with a mean average speed of 25.6mph. One driver was detected doing substantially above the 30MPH speed limit and was dealt with accordingly.



Shropshire Association of Local Councils
alc@shropshire.gov.uk

Date 22 November 2024

Dear Shropshire ALC,

Building on the investment and progress that has already been made I have now finalised and published my West Mercia Safer Communities Plan. This plan sets out my commitments for policing, over the next four years, with a continued focus on what matters most to communities.

I am grateful for all the views and contributions I have received, which I have incorporated into the final version I am pleased to be able to share with you.

The four main priorities are:

- **Cutting crime** – targeting the concerns, and crime types, that matter most to communities, including anti-social behaviour
- **Policing with the community** – visible and accessible policing resulting in improved public confidence and satisfaction
- **Supporting victims and witnesses** – ensuring victims feel supported throughout the criminal justice journey and are regularly updated, and criminals are brought to justice
- **Maximising resources and value for money** – identifying efficiencies and smarter ways of working without compromising on delivering a quality service

This plan signifies a time for re-focus, where I am seeking to maximise opportunities for partnership working in order to collectively identify solutions to the concerns that affect communities.

I see it important that we are listening to, and reflecting, all local partners' perspectives, as well as those of communities, to meaningfully involve them in these solutions.

I very much look forward to continuing working with you to deliver these priorities that will result in improved outcomes for the communities we all serve.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Campion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Campion
Police and Crime Commissioner

Subject: Shropshire Community Foundation
Date: Wednesday, 24 April 2024 at 18:51:02 British Summer Time
From: Selina Graham DL
To: townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk
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Dear Trudi

I am writing about the Shropshire Community Foundation, and being so bold as to ask for an invitation!

I chose the Shropshire Community Foundation as one of the charities to fundraise for in my year as High Sheriff (2022/23), and could not resist talking about it (often and much) when I visited towns and communities! I know that Mandy Thorn (High Sheriff 2023/24) has also championed the cause, but we certainly won't have spoken to all the people we would have liked to, and wonder whether we can invite ourselves – one or other of us - back to address the town council over the next few months (in person or virtually). We both believe in the cause to such an extent that we have joined the board of trustees and are on a mission to raise the profile and understanding of what this new initiative can, and already does for our local communities.

www.shropshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk

Almost every county in England has their own Community foundation, run in the county by people who are passionate about their county, for people who make a difference in their county. It is all about place based funding - both directing national funds, and co-ordinating local funds so as they make the greatest impact. The intention is also to build up a permanent sustainable endowment for the charity sector. We are lucky in that we are not reinventing the wheel, there are many successful community foundations across the country from whom we can learn, and who are helping us to be the best we can be.

Up until 18 months ago, we did not have our own Community Foundation in Shropshire. We have been lucky that the Staffordshire Community Foundation kindly filled the gap for a few years so that we did not miss out on all flow through funding that comes through central government, (and has to be administered by a community foundation accredited by UKCF) and whilst we build an endowment and start administering local funds they have agreed to continue operating national flow-through funding until we are accredited ourselves, at which time they will bow out. There is inevitably a little confusion about two community foundations operating in the same county in the meantime, however we have a very clear vision and mission and a 3 year strategy that will see us with our own accreditation and the ability to administer all of our own funds within our own county.

It is a team effort. We are being supported by the Shropshire Lieutenancy, local MPs, both local authorities, local businesses, the charity sector and many wonderful individuals. Shropshire was missing out, but together we can change this. Could you suggest a couple of dates that would suit you for one of us to visit. We would endeavour to take up no more time than the council would like – as little as 10 minutes or up to an hour with open discussion and questions.

Let us know what would suit you best, and we look forward to meeting you.

Selina

Selina Graham DL
Chair of Trustees

For and on behalf of Shropshire Community Foundation

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MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
 held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
 at 7 pm on Thursday, 7th November 2024

Present: Councillors William Benbow, Susan Crooke-Williams, David Fenwick, Wilfred Grainger, John O'Dowd, Marcus Themans (in the chair), Daniel Thomas, Christian Toon and Chris Tyler.

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk, PC Emma Strangwood, PCSO Mal Goddard.

1. Mayor's Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported the following:

A few projects have finally come to fruition since the last council meeting: the Gaskell field path extension has been completed with great feedback from the town; also, the defibrillator has been fitted to the cricket pavilion after the management committee successfully applied for a 50% grant - thanks also to help from The First Responders and Much Wenlock Cricket Club.

The honours board from the British Legion Hall has a new home under the Corn Exchange.

We have fitted pigeon spikes on the Corn Exchange and the Christmas lights will be fitted soon.

It is great to see Victoria Road resurfaced; we now just need the High Street drainage works completed to round off a number of successful highway improvements.

The Town Council is also involved with negotiations with Shropshire Council about the Library contract. This has been a very encouraging discussion with positive feedback which we hope will lead to a very good outcome.

Get a Word in Edgeways held an enjoyable and successful programme of events in October and reported great feedback about the town.

I'm sure the morning of the Town Crier trial and 'Made in Shropshire' market will be one that everyone remembers, not just for the fun of the occasion but how busy and vibrant the town was! It goes to show that relentless positive news about the town really pays off.

As well as great press coverage of that, I want you to congratulate and thank two local heroes: John Edwards for taking on cleaning road signs in the area and Theo Reeves, aged eight, who swept up leaves around Queen Street - a town councillor of the future?

In contrast to all the positivity and dedication, it is maddening that the public toilets are being vandalised on a regular basis. The perpetrators must be known, and I urge anyone with information to let the police know.

This has been a particularly busy month for Councillors, and I want to thank everyone for putting in so much effort on several projects, from promoting the town to coach tour companies, through thrashing out the first draft of the new Neighbourhood Plan, to all the work on Remembrance poppy sales and displays. Most of this work will be reported on tonight.

Some reminders for Councillors: the Remembrance Sunday services will be at 9.30am in Bourton followed by 10.50am in Much Wenlock. I hope all councillors can attend where possible. There will also be a very brief Remembrance Day service at 10.55 on 11th November under the Corn Exchange.

I would also like to remind everyone about the Lantern parade celebrating the 60th anniversary of the public opening of The Priory which will be held on Saturday, 16th November at 5.45pm on the church green.

Finally, and very importantly, I look forward to seeing everyone helping out at the Christmas Lights switch-on on 28th November, starting at 5.30pm. Please wear your hi-vis!

2. Apologies for Absence

Councillors West and White – unwell.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to 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.

Councillor Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 13a and 13b in relation to site allocation and stated that he would leave the room should development sites be discussed.

4. Dispensations

None requested.

5. Public Session

There had been no requests to speak.

6. Police Matters

Members noted a written and verbal update from PC Emma Strangwood and PCSO Mal Goddard. The officers were asked at what point noise nuisance became a police matter. They advised that this was an environmental health issue, dealt with by Shropshire Council. The police had no power to stop noise, which only became a police matter if associated with a behaviour issue. Foul language was a public order offence.

With regard to the recent vandalism to the public toilets, no vandalism had been reported elsewhere in the town and this seemed to have affected only the public toilets.

The officers were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

7. Shropshire Council Report

Shropshire Councillor, Daniel Thomas, presented the following report:

Victoria Road and the Gaskell Arms Junction: Councillors will be delighted with the recent work on Victoria Road and the Gaskell Arms Junction, which has undergone a full resurface. This road has long been plagued by potholes and fading road markings and it's something I've raised continually with officers. The work took place in the night meaning minimal disruption to commuters and my thanks go to residents and businesses who put up with the noise. The pavement on Victoria Road has also been completed, making it much smoother for mobility scooters and pushchairs.

Traffic Regulation Order Map: hot off the press, the consultation for the double yellow lines map is imminent. It should start next week and you can see the latest version of the map as part of the Neighbourhood Plan drop-in event on Saturday. The plans are designed to ease congestion in the town's streets whilst making it safer for pedestrians.

Recent Flooding: the heavy rain experienced in Mid-October caused issues for residents across the Much Wenlock Division; I was pleased with the speediness of the clean-up and have stressed the urgency of projects that are underway to make flood-prone areas more resilient across the division.

Local Plan: the Local Plan hearings scheduled for this month have been cancelled. The Government Inspectors who are examining the plan have written to say they have significant concerns about the Plan's soundness with respect to a number of areas. Details of these will be set out to us in a separate letter, which hasn't been received yet. Until Shropshire Council receives this letter, I do not wish to speculate further about why the plan could be unsound.

Advice Surgery DATE CHANGE: my next Advice Surgery is on Saturday, 16th November, 10.30 am to 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum. No appointment is necessary. I'll be joined by Town Councillor William Benbow and a representative from the Police. I have had to change the date to avoid a clash with the Neighbourhood Plan event this Saturday.

8. Minutes

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd October 2024.
- b. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd September 2024.
- c. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the Finance & Asset Management Committee meeting held on 24th September 2024.

9. Town Clerk's Report

Members noted the written report from the Town Clerk. The Clerk further advised that a representative from the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust would be attending the January full Council meeting, that she had attended a Clerks meeting with Shropshire Council regarding licensing earlier in the day and that Councillor Toon would be checking the new internal CCTV cameras for the Guildhall the following week.

10. Shropshire Council Exploring Future Options

- a. Members noted correspondence from Shropshire Council about discussions with Town and Parish Councils regarding support for local services. Shropshire Council were no longer contemplating a uniform percentage increase to the precept of Town and Parish Councils to support services as they had decided this approach would not meet the range and complexity of local priorities and preferences. Individual negotiations with some local Councils were continuing.
- b. Members noted that discussions with Shropshire Council regarding continued support from the Town Council for Much Wenlock Library were progressing very positively. Shropshire Council officers were quite content with the performance of Much Wenlock library for its size.

11. The Guildhall Project

Members noted that a meeting was scheduled for 12th November with Greenwood Projects to discuss how to prepare the full application for funding to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

12. Neighbourhood Plan Review

- a. Members noted arrangements for the Neighbourhood Plan Review drop-in event on 9th November at the Priory Hall. The steering group would be unveiling the first draft of the new Plan and urged as much community engagement as possible. It was hoped that the final Plan could be adopted by May, but this might not be possible due to time constraints. Thanks were expressed to the Clerk and her team for their involvement.
- b. Members noted that the Steering Group had completed the first draft of the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan 2024-2038. **It was RESOLVED approve the commencement of Regulation 14 consultation on the first draft of the 2024-2038 Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan and for consultation to run from Monday, 11th November 2024 to Monday, 6th January 2025.**
- c. There were no other relevant matters.

13. Shropshire Local Plan Review

- a. Members noted that weeks 3 to 5 of the Shropshire Local Plan hearings (matters 7 to 32) had been cancelled due to the Inspectors' significant concerns about the soundness of the Plan in respect of a number of areas.
- b. No further information had been received relating to the cancellation of the hearings or future proceedings and the reason for this decision was not known.

14. Gigability Broadband

Members received a verbal report from the remote meeting attended by the Mayor and Clerk with Dave Swanston, CEO of Gigability Broadband, and Ben Walker, Senior Programme Officer (Digital Infrastructure) at Shropshire Council on 15th October. Those living in town centre would have received mailshots for the new broadband connections offered by Gigability. Much Wenlock was a pilot area for the project, which would be rolled out to neighbouring, rural areas.

15. Market Town Collective

Members reviewed the notes from the 'Market Town Collective' meeting attended by the Clerk on 25th September 2024. The meeting was facilitated by the Senior Programme Officer in Shropshire Council's Economic Growth team and had been attended by Clerks from market towns around Shropshire along with representatives from organisations involved with tourism and town promotion. The group discussed ways of promoting the economy and tourism of Shropshire towns and any blockers to doing so. Further meetings would be held on specific areas of interest.

16. Tourism and Events Working Group

Members received a verbal report from the Tourism and Events Working Group. Councillors Crooke-Williams and White had attended a tourism promotion morning organised by Visit Shropshire on 2nd October. They had also taken a table to promote Much Wenlock at an event for coach tour operators held in Ludlow on 4th November. There had been much positive engagement from the operators, including a company which brings tourists from China. The delegates had been warned to avoid Wednesdays when planning visits and had been provided with other information about the town and local area. Councillors would follow up contacts made at the event.

It was noted that Councillors Crooke-Williams, Thomas and White had joined the Executive Committee of the new, business Guild in the town.

17. Christmas Lights Switch-on 2024

Preparations for the Christmas lights switch-on were under way and a final planning meeting was scheduled for 25th November. A layout plan for the stalls was being drawn up. All Councillors were asked to attend the event to act as stewards, wearing hi-vis jackets.

18. Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre

Members noted that the Christmas Fayre would be held on Saturday, 7th December and that offers to steward on the day would be welcomed.

19. VE Day Commemoration 2025

Members of the Tourism & Events working group were considering how to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025 and would be meeting early in the new year.

20. Environmental Maintenance in Much Wenlock

Councillor Crooke-Williams had contacted the member of the public who had expressed an interest in setting up a group to tidy overgrown vegetation in the town. The person concerned would be pleased to support any initiative but not to take charge.

A small team of volunteers, including Councillor Fenwick, was now working to improve the flower bed at the corner of the church. Nick Murphy of Harley Nursery had again generously offered to provide plants. Following completion of this area, the group might move to work on Back Lane car park, however, this could be quite heavy work and more help was needed. Volunteers were asked to contact Councillor Fenwick for information about future dates.

21. SALC AGM

Members received a verbal report on the SALC AGM held on 30th October attended by the Mayor, Councillors Thomas and Fenwick and the Clerk. Several awards were presented at the event, most of which had an environmental focus; Councillors were disappointed that there seemed to be no awards connected with people. There had been little opportunity for networking at the meeting. The Mayor noted that a small group of South Shropshire Mayors met occasionally and most discussions were currently about the provision of services.

22. Remembrance Day

Thanks were expressed to all those involved in arrangements to install the War Memorial board under the Corn Exchange as well as to those who had participated in the Poppy Appeal and set up displays. Members noted arrangements for Remembrance events in the town:

Friday, 8th November: 10.30 am, primary school Remembrance event at the old cemetery.

Sunday, 10th November: meet at 10.40am under the Guildhall to move on to the churchyard. The first part of the service would be held outside, the second part inside the church.

Monday, 11th November: gather just before 11am for a short ceremony under the Corn Exchange.

23. Consultation

Members considered a response to the following consultation:

Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government consultation on 'Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings', deadline for responses 19th December 2024.

It was RESOLVED to submit a whole Council response: overall, Councillors were not in favour of remote meetings but supported proxy voting under certain circumstances.

The Clerk was asked to submit the Council's response. Councillors were also free to submit individual responses to the consultation.

24. Correspondence

Members noted the following items, which they had received by email between meetings:

- a. SALC information bulletins and other information
- b. NALC newsletters and other information
- c. Selected press releases from Shropshire Council
- d. Rural Bulletins from the Rural Services Network
- e. VCSA Shropshire newsletters
- f. The Rural Services Network Bulletins and Rural Funding Digest
- g. Marches Energy Agency October newsletter
- h. Selected Neighbourhood Matters alerts
- i. 'Our News' Newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters October 2024
- j. Friendly Transport Service newsletter
- k. Mailings from The Edge Cinema
- l. Correspondence from Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust
- m. Neighbourhood Watch 2024 Crime and Community Survey
- n. Press release: Process to secure new contract for GP Out of Hours now live 8.10.24
- o. Lord Lieutenant's Newsletter Sept 2024
- p. Shropshire Council Streetscene – Grass Cutting Update 14.10.24
- q. Invitation to Worcestershire County Council Nature-based Farming Event on 28.11.24
- r. Fix My Street Improvements Update from Shropshire Council

25. Agenda items for next Town Council meeting

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

26. Date of next meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 5th December 2024 at 7.00pm at the Guildhall.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

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

27. Appointment of Internal Auditor

Members considered the appointment of a new internal auditor.

It was RESOLVED to engage JDH Services to carry out two remote audits per year under a three-year contract.

Members noted that a higher level of interaction might be needed in the first year of the contract, which could incur an additional charge.

It was RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 9pm.

28. 10 High Street

Members received an update on progress with letting 10 High Street and considered options.

It was RESOLVED to obtain three marketing appraisals for sale of the property and to investigate whether any interest earned on the proceeds of a sale could be used for general purposes, rather than capital only.

The Clerk was also asked to check whether there were any limitations on funds in which the Town Council could invest to obtain a higher return.

29. Town Crier

Members reviewed the outcome of the application process for a Town Crier and the 'trial cry'.

It was RESOLVED to appoint Mr Joffrey Watson as Town Crier for Much Wenlock.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed Mayor Date

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MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 1st October 2024 at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock

Present: Councillors William Benbow, Wilfred Grainger, Daniel Thomas, Chris Tyler, Linda West

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk, two members of the public

1. Apologies

CLlr David Fenwick – family matter.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to 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.

Councillor Daniel Thomas declared the following non-pecuniary interests:

Agenda item 6, planning application 24/03542/FUL - family connection

Agenda items 8 and 9 – if site allocation discussed as family member owns land in the town

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Public Session

The applicant for planning application 24/03542/FUL outlined his local connection and qualifying circumstances for the erection of an affordable dwelling in the town.

5. Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd September 2024 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following applications and resolved to respond as noted:

Application 24/03542/FUL was taken first.

Having declared an interest in application 24/03542/FUL, Councillor Thomas left the room and Councillor Benbow took the chair.

<p>24/03542/FUL Proposed Residential Development Land South of Eureka, Bourton Road, Much Wenlock</p>	<p>Erection of affordable dwelling with detached garage. It was RESOLVED that in principle there were no objections to the application, but Members noted that drainage matters had not been dealt with in the application and this was particularly pertinent given the problems with flooding in this area.</p>
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Councillor Thomas returned to the meeting and took the chair.

The members of the public left the meeting.

<p>24/03392/FUL 5 Park View, Much Wenlock, TF13 6BN</p>	<p>Single storey rear extension. It was RESOLVED no objection.</p>
<p>24/03411/PAAFC Callaughton House, Callaughton, Much Wenlock, TF13 6PT</p>	<p>Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class R of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use of agricultural building to flexible commercial use. It was RESOLVED no objection.</p>

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24/03362/TCA St Swithuns House, 4 Barrow Street, Much Wenlock, TF13 6ES	Fell 1no Quince and 1no Hawthorn, reduce to 2m hedge height 1no Conifer & crown raised to 4m of 1no Ash within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objection.
24/03548/TCA Priory Cottage, 5 Bull Ring, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6HS	Crown reduction by 10 percent, rebalancing of crown and removal of growth overhanging road from 1no. Mulberry within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objection.
24/03572/FUL 4 Foresters Gardens, Much Wenlock, TF13 6GA	Single storey rear extension and erection of outbuildings. It was RESOLVED no objection.

7. Planning Decisions

Members noted the following planning decisions.

24/02764/FUL Meadowbrook House, Sytche Lane, Much Wenlock	Two storey rear extension. Decision: Grant Permission
24/02876/FUL Hopes Edge, Presthope, Much Wenlock	Alterations to form new entrance door and rear door, new windows and internal alterations to existing layout Decision: Grant Permission
24/03206/TCA Holy Trinity Church - Churchyard, Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock	Crown lift to first triple unions & reduce the tops of the two heavy lateral limbs (See Doc 3) by approx. 15% and remove deadwood of 1no Wellingtonia (T16), crown lift to approx. 8m above churchyard 1no Sycamore (T15) & crown lift to approx. 4m and remove deadwood of 1no Wellingtonia (T21) within Much Wenlock Conservation Area Decision: No Objection

8. Draft Shropshire Local Plan Review 2016 - 2038

- a. Members noted the written statement submitted for Stage 2 of the Hearings, Matter 19 – Much Wenlock Place Plan Area.
- b. Members noted that the Local Plan Review Hearing on Matter 19 – Much Wenlock Place Plan Area (policy S13) was scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, 26th November. Councillors Benbow and Tyler had been registered as the Town Council's speakers.

It was noted that those representing the Town Council were not obliged to speak but could be present to clarify matters, ask or answer questions, etc.

It was agreed that the speakers should reiterate the need for policy S13 to specify improvements needed to the Gaskell corner as a result of any developments that would impact on the junction.

In addition, if the current preferred site were approved, some protection, such as a Bond, would be required for the town to avoid a repeat of the flooding problems which arose on Hunters Gate 1. Speakers could cite the Callaughtons Ash development and drainage problems that have arisen there.

Councillor Tyler stated that he would speak purely on traffic and the impact of the developments proposed for Tasley, Ironbridge Power Station and Horsehay/Lightmoor.

Members agreed to seek approval for the above statements at the full Council meeting on 3rd October.

- c. It was confirmed that the supply of employment land for the town would not be raised by the Council at the Hearing on Matter 19.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Review

The Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group had met the previous week. There had been differences of opinion about the future use of some employment land in the town and whether this should be promoted as mixed use or residential land. It was noted that the current Neighbourhood Plan stated that mixed development would be supported if employment use was no longer viable.

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Having declared an interest in site allocation, Councillor Thomas left the meeting.

Members noted that the Refresh Group's initial purpose had been to promote community consultation on site allocation and that no such consultation had taken place. However, it had been agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan review would not include site allocation.

It was RESOLVED that Councillors wished to retain the existing policy in the Neighbourhood Plan regarding mixed development on brownfield sites if employment use was no longer viable and not change this to the alternative of residential only development.

Views would be gathered at the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan consultation event on 9th November and the event should be widely promoted. However, it should not be assumed that those attending formed a representative sample of residents and their views would not be given precedence over that of elected Councillors.

Councillor Thomas returned to the meeting.

A member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had resigned from the group following the most recent meeting. It was agreed that Councillor Thomas, as Chair of the Steering Group, should compose a response.

10. Flooding Matters

- a. Members received a verbal update from the Strategic Flood Working Group. Members had received the April 2024 WSP report for Shropshire Council: Department for Transport Floodwater Management Grant – Much Wenlock, Flood Risk Mitigation Update. Members noted that the timeline for work proposed had already slipped.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Benbow should request a meeting between the Town Council's Strategic Flood Working Group, the Much Wenlock Flood Action Group and Shropshire Council's Drainage and Flood Risk Manager to review the report and address any queries.

- b. Preparation of a report to the Health & Safety Executive about risks from the potential collapse of the boundary wall at Shadwell Quarry was pending.
- c. Councillor Thomas advised that, as Shropshire Councillor, he had been asked to provide feedback on the Stretton Road drainage works. It was noted that a drain on the road near Coates Farm had been blocked. The drain had been scheduled for clearing earlier in the day, but further work was needed and this had been logged as an engineering job. Some discontent had been expressed about the new road surface. There had been no reports of flooding near Havelock Crescent after the recent very heavy rain, which was positive. It was suggested that Shropshire Council monitor the water flow into the attenuation pond on Stretton Road as a check on the effectiveness of the drainage work.

11. Transport and Highways Matters

Members received a verbal report from the Transport Working Group. It was disappointing that the feasibility study for the Gaskell corner had still not been released to the public and nothing had been heard from Shropshire Council about a consultation event.

Councillor Thomas agreed to check progress with consultation on parking proposals for the town, although this could be held up by Shropshire Council's budgetary constraints.

Members of the Transport Working Group had been alerted to pre-application scoping information for Tasley Garden Village on the Shropshire Council website. The documentation stated that no comments had been received on Transport and Access, whilst also stating that the Transport Assessment scope and supporting traffic modelling requirements had been discussed with the local highway authority, Shropshire Council.

It was RESOLVED that the Transport Working Group should write to Shropshire Council as soon as possible to ask whether the Gaskell corner had been included in the Transport Assessment for Tasley Garden Village.

12. Highways Work – former Ironbridge Power Station site

Members received correspondence regarding the first phase of highway works on Much Wenlock Road, Buildwas, in connection with the new Benthall Grange housing development at the former Ironbridge Power Station site. The scheme to create a new signalised junction on the A4169 Much Wenlock Road was due to commence on 7th October and to take approximately 25 weeks to complete. Members noted the adverse impact this would have on local traffic.

13. Climate Change and Ecological/Nature Emergencies*

Councillor West reported that she had completed the survey on the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy on behalf of the Council. She had subsequently been contacted by an officer at Shropshire Council to arrange a visit to discuss what support might be provided for the town.

14. Street Lighting

15. Street Naming *

16. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

17. Footpath Diversion Orders*

18. Road Closures*

Members noted the following road closure:

Location: Victoria Road, Much Wenlock
 Date/Time: Monday, 7th to Saturday, 12th October, 8pm to 6am
 Purpose: Resurfacing
 Agency: Kier/Shropshire Council

19. Tree Preservation Orders*

20. Stopping Up Orders*

21. Speed Limit Orders*

22. Prohibition Orders*

23. Date of next meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 5th November at 7.00pm at the Corn Exchange.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

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

24. Planning Enforcement

Members noted correspondence from Shropshire Council’s Principal Enforcement Officer. **It was RESOLVED that Councillor Thomas, as Shropshire Councillor, should request a meeting.**

Members noted an update on enforcement matters.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....(Chairperson)

Date.....

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MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a
FINANCE & ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
meeting held at the Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 22nd October 2024

Present: Councillors Susan Crooke-Williams, David Fenwick, John O’Dowd, Marcus Themans, Duncan White.

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk, Janet Evans – Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), six members of the public.

1. Apologies

Councillor Toon – unwell.

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

Members were reminded that they are required to 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.

Cllr White declared an interest in agenda item 8, Grant Awards, as a Trustee of the Much Wenlock Windmill Trust.

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Asset Management Committee held on 24th September 2024 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.

5. Town Clerk’s report

Members noted the Clerk’s written and verbal report on action taken since the last meeting. The Clerk reported that nobody had come forward to help with renovating the War Memorial Board. Councillors Fenwick and White offered to re-varnish the front of the board.

For the convenience of the members of the public in attendance, agenda item 13 was brought forward.

6. Car Park at the Rear of the Corn Exchange

At the full Council meeting held on 3rd October 2024, Councillors had referred management of the car park at the rear of the Corn Exchange back to the Finance & Asset Management Committee. The Mayor introduced this agenda item, explaining that for several years parking spaces in the car park had been unavailable for members of the public to ‘pop and shop’ as spaces were being taken up by unauthorised, long term parking. There was a one-hour parking restriction in the car park between 8am and 3pm, Monday to Saturday. The Council had looked at the possibility of a parking management company taking over management of the car park and monitoring one hour, or even two hour, parking.

A member of the public outlined his concerns, which included costs associated with the introduction of a parking management company, the views of tenants of the Corn Exchange, the need for a legal agreement governing any parking management arrangement and the fact that the Town Council had objected to increases in parking charges imposed by Shropshire Council.

Councillors explained that the parking management company would not charge for their services but would retain any income from fines. Any agreement could be cancelled if not working satisfactorily. The Council was exploring different options to find a solution to the ongoing problem of unauthorised parking.

A second member of the public raised a concern about a procedural matter and suggested that a decision on the management of the car park be deferred for six months. He hoped the individuals ignoring the parking restrictions would be mindful of the trouble that their behaviour was causing and that this would give them time to reconsider and change their habits. He did not believe that the use of a parking management company was an appropriate solution for the town, as such companies made their money from fines and the possibility of incurring a parking fine could deter visitors.

It was RESOLVED to leave management of the car park at the rear of the Corn Exchange in abeyance for six months, and to reconsider the matter after that time in the light of the prevailing situation.

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7. Finance

- a. The RFO presented a written and verbal report. She advised that the gas contract for two meters (Corn Exchange and Guildhall) had been signed with EDF for the period April 2025-March 2026, after obtaining four quotes and discussion with the Mayor. The length of the contract was selected to bring gas and electricity contracts into line. The contracts were now with two different suppliers but better rates were usually given for dual fuel and this could be considered at renewal next year.
Installation of the pigeon deterrent at the front of the Corn Exchange was scheduled for 3rd November (pending permission for road closure). The estimated cost for manufacture, supply, installation and hire of the cherry picker and driver was £850
- b. Members noted the balance sheet as at 30th September 2024.
- c. Members noted the income and expenditure to 30th September 2024.
- d. Members reviewed the bank reconciliations to 30th September 2024. **It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations to 30th September 2024.**
- e. **It was RESOLVED to approve payments from 25th September 2024 to date.**

8. 2025/26 Budget

Members considered the first draft of the 2025/26 budget and suggested items for inclusion. The RFO was asked to update the draft and send out to Councillors thereafter.

9. Grant Awards

- a. Members considered grant awards to local organisations. **It was RESOLVED to make the following awards:**

	£
Much Wenlock Windmill Trust	400
1 st Much Wenlock Scout Group	200
Much Wenlock Fencing Club	250
Wenlock Warriors	250
1 st Much Wenlock Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	200
Friends of Much Wenlock Primary School	400
Wenlock Olympian Games Arts Sub-committee	250
Much Wenlock Community First Responders	900
Cuan Wildlife Rescue	100
Royal British Legion	<u>50</u>
Total	3,000

- b. **It was RESOLVED to approve a donation of £250 to the Wenlock Herald to support publication of the Town Council's regular contribution to the magazine.**

10. The Guildhall Project

Members received a verbal report from the meeting held on 7th October with the Council's allocated contact at the NLHF. Following the Expression of Interest, the Council had been invited to submit a full application for funding and had a year to do so. The latest date for submission would be August 2025, although the Council would aim for May 2025, the earlier possible submission date. This would be a challenging deadline. A further meeting with Greenwood Projects was being arranged.

11. Cemetery Extension

Members received a verbal update on the Clerk's enquiries about the procedure for extending the cemetery. Councillors requested that the Clerk press on with the work.

12. Environmental Maintenance

Members considered measures and funding to improve the condition of public areas in Much Wenlock. A small group of volunteers had already improved the flower bed at the rear of the Guildhall and had moved on to the triangle in front of the church. There were several areas around the town that would benefit from work, such as Back Lane car park and St Mary's car park. However, many of these areas were the responsibility of Shropshire Council. Councillors Fenwick was asked to put forward a proposal at a future meeting.

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13. ‘A’ Boards in the Square and under the Corn Exchange

Members discussed the Council’s position with regard to the placing of advertising ‘A’ boards in the Square and under the Corn Exchange. **It was RESOLVED to confirm the Council’s position that advertising ‘A’ boards are not permitted in the Square and under the Corn Exchange.**

14. Date of next meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm at the Corn Exchange.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
 Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press should not be present.

15. Linden Lodge

Members considered repairs to the garden fence of Linden Lodge. **It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Carl Vickers in the amount of £1,952.00.**

16. Christmas Lights for the Buttermarket

Members considered the purchase of replacement Christmas lights for the Buttermarket. **It was RESOLVED to replace the old lights within a budget of up to £250.**

It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue past 9pm.

17. 10 High Street

Members received an update on progress with the rental of 10 High Street.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to full Council that the Council consider marketing the property for rental or sale.

18. Meeting regarding Library SLA and Lease

Members received a verbal report on the meeting with Shropshire Council to discuss renewal of the agreement for financial support for Much Wenlock Library and the lease for the premises. Further contact from Shropshire Council was awaited.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed.....
 Chairperson

Date.....

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MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary
HR COMMITTEE MEETING
 held at the Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
 at 5.30 pm on Thursday, 27th August 2024

Present: Councillors David Fenwick, Marcus Themans and Daniel Thomas (in the chair)

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Councillor John O’Dowd – unwell.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to 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.

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the extraordinary HR Committee meeting held on 11th July 2024.

5. Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would be called as required.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

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

6. Staffing Matters

Members noted that the Council’s Administrative Assistant had resigned from her current position but had proposed an alternative arrangement to offer continued support to the Council in some areas. Members considered the proposal and report prepared by the Clerk.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the proposed working arrangement for the Administrative Assistant on a three-month trial basis. Working hours were expected to be an average of 10 per work, to be worked remotely, and the salary would be SCP 19.

Members noted that the Clerk and RFO would endeavour to cover other duties previously undertaken by the Admin. Assistant for the three-month trial period.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Signed:Chairperson

Date:

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION / ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENT
June 2022	13	Continue to check the Local Plan EIP website for updates.	Ongoing	Councillors and associates also requested to check EIP website themselves, in case of delay with Clerk checking.
2024				
May	18	Revised Financial Regs would be presented to Council for consideration at the June full Council meeting.	In progress	Review not completed by June, regs to be presented at a future meeting.
September	14	Request that SC make additions to the Much Wenlock Place Plan	In progress	Projects submitted, response awaited.
October	11	To approve a change to the Town Council's bank mandates to remove the former RFO and add the current RFO as an administrator on the Council's bank accounts.	In progress	
	14	Request that SC make the following additions to the Much Wenlock Place Plan: the introduction of a pedestrian crossing near Birchfield Garage and refurbishment/upgrade of the running track at WBS to bring it to UK Athletics standard.	In progress	Projects submitted, response awaited.
	22	Cllr West and the Clerk should attend the Nature Recovery Town and Parish Councils Conference on 6 th December.	Event awaited	Places booked
	28	Purchase a EufyCam S220 4 Cam Kit for installation in the Guildhall.	Yes	Equipment purchased. Installation awaited.
November	23	Submit a whole Council response to consultation on remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings.	Yes	
	27	Engage JDH Services to carry out two remote audits per year under a three-year contract.	Yes	
	28	Obtain three marketing appraisals for sale of 10 High Street. Investigate whether interest on the proceeds of a sale could be used for general purposes, rather than capital only.	In progress Yes	
	29	Appoint Mr Joffrey Watson as Town Crier for Much Wenlock.	Yes	

Other activities:

- Monthly piece for the Wenlock Herald
- Attendance at Remembrance services
- Teams meeting with Shropshire council re museum and leisure centre
- Meeting with Greenwood Projects on 12th November
- Visit to Benthall Hall to learn about cleaning of historic property
- Teams meeting with Shropshire Council re library
- CPR and defibrillator training



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4 November 2024

Shropshire Lieutenancy Garden Party at Orleton Hall, 4 June 2025

As His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, one of my main aims is to encourage those who live, work and volunteer in our county by showing and encouraging appreciation for all of the good work being done. One of ways in which I do this, is by holding Shropshire Garden Parties in the style of those held at Buckingham Palace.

My next Garden Party will be at Orleton Hall, Wellington on 4 June 2025. I want to ensure that the recognition of good work reaches the whole ceremonial county which includes both Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. As town and parish councils you know your communities better than anyone else and so I hope you will use that knowledge to nominate someone who has truly gone above and beyond.

Further details of the Garden Party and selection are given on the attached sheet. The deadline for the Lieutenancy to be notified of your nomination is 31st January 2025.

This is our way of showing these incredible people we appreciate their work; I hope your town or parish will be part of this special event.

Kind regards,

Anna Turner
His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire

HM Lord-Lieutenant's Shropshire Garden Party - Key Facts

Location and Date

The garden party will be held at Orleton Hall, Wellington on Wednesday 4th June 2025.

Format

Outdoor event in the gardens of Orleton Hall, with tea, sandwiches and cake served from marquees.

Dress

Ladies: Day dress (hats encouraged) or uniform with medals, trouser suit may be worn

Gentlemen: Morning dress, lounge suit or uniform with medals

Criteria for attendance

Town and Parish Councils are requested to nominate someone to attend who has gone over and beyond for their community in any way. This may relate to long service or to impact from a one-off event or activity. The individual may be a paid employee, volunteer, entrepreneur or business owner.

There is no age limit for nominations, children and young people may be nominated (but must be accompanied by an adult).

Each nominee will be able to be accompanied by a guest of their choosing.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept nominations for anyone who has previously attended a garden party.

Disabled Access

There will be disabled parking and a disabled toilet; however the event is outdoors and therefore the footing is not entirely smooth. There will be some seating provided. If someone normally has a carer, this may be in addition to their guest.

Sponsors

Shropshire Lieutenancy is most grateful to the sponsors who are supporting the garden party





Review of Shropshire Banners, Bunting and Festive Lighting Policy and Process

Introduction:

Many people feel that banners (sporting, recreational, charity & cultural content only), bunting and festive lighting, over and alongside the highway, all add to the community experience within an area and can enhance event and general visitor attendance numbers significantly proving a valuable tool for the local economy. However, they require approval under the Highways Act 1980 section 178 to confirm they fall within guidelines and policies of safety and do not hinder the aesthetics of the surrounding environment.

The current application and approval process to display community event banners, bunting or festive lights falls within the remit of Shropshire Councils Street Works team. The team were restructured in 2013 to better align to the objectives of the "Traffic Management Act 2004" and the Shropshire Council Permit Scheme (West and Shires Permit Scheme). On review of existing tasks within the team the application and approval process for banners, bunting and Christmas illuminations was highlighted as a task with minimal value in meeting the primary team objectives of "minimising disruption caused by roadworks" and was generally an administrative process with set conditions only.

Subsequently a review of Shropshire Councils policy and process for banners, bunting and festive lighting/illuminations was first referred to the "Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee" in 2018. Recommendations from the committee led to an initial engagement exercise with Town and Parish Councils being carried out on an opportunity and proposal to entirely devolve policy, process, licencing and enforcement of banners, bunting and festive lighting to town and parish councils.

As a result of that engagement further recommendations from the "task and finish" group of the Place Overview Committee included that Shropshire Council, as designated Highway Authority, retain the licencing powers for permitting banners, bunting and illuminations, but also look to engage and consult further with towns and parishes in order to identify any 'best practice' provision for specific retail centres and any local conditions or considerations that could be included as part of the licencing process.

Whilst it's accepted that Shropshire Council would retain the legislative licencing function, views are sought on a possible devolvement of the administration function/process to respective town and parish councils, and the proposal for Town and Parish Councils to act as sole applicant with an annual licence being issued for those locations identified as acceptable within the Town or Parish area.

The group also recommended that further engagement seek views regarding separate policies created for banners "over" the highway and "alongside" the highway; any specific locations that would need to be excluded or restricted, and, for defining acceptable design and content of the banner, if there is any local area aesthetics or community sentiment which need to be taken account of.

This survey is the final step of this process of engagement with town and parish councils and seeks to gather those final pieces of feedback about licencing processes and specific considerations that should be taken into account with regard to a revised policy on banners, bunting, and festive lighting. Shropshire Council appreciates your town or parish council taking the time to provide this important feedback, which will be taken into account as a final policy is drafted for approval in early 2025.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback.

[Type here]

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* Which town or parish council are you responding on behalf of? (if you are responding on behalf of more than one town or parish council, please complete one survey for each council).

What is your role with the town or parish council? (optional)

Shropshire Council (as designated Highway Authority) would need to retain the overall licencing powers for banners, bunting and illumination. To what extent would your own town or parish council support the possible devolvement of the entire administrative/booking process to your council? (This is in order to be able assess and process any applications, and agree or refuse the erection and removal of banners/bunting/Illuminations within your local area).

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Unsure/don't know

If the above devolvement of process is supported and feasible, to what extent would your council support the development of a process whereby your council would act as the sole applicant (and hence holder) of a licence to erect from Shropshire Council?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Unsure/don't know

[Type here]

If the above idea of the town or parish council acting as sole licence holder is supported and feasible, to what extent would your council support Shropshire Council issuing an “Annual Licence” to respective Town Councils with applicable set and agreed conditions to allow banner use at any local agreed locations for that 12-month period?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Unsure/don't know

Please tell us anything else you would like to about the options surrounding processes and licensing discussed above.

To what extent would your council support the creation of separate policies for banners/bunting “over the highway” and banners/bunting “alongside the highway”.

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Unsure/don't know

Please tell us more about your answer to the question above

Are there any particular locations within your town or parish council area that would need to be excluded or restricted from banner licencing and installation due to safety/aesthetic/any other local issue?

- No
- Unsure
- Yes (please tell us more)

If there are any “best practices” that could be adopted as part of the assessment and administration process, please tell us more here:

[Type here]

Based on local area aesthetics and/or known community sentiment is there any comment you wish to make regarding acceptable banner design or content?

Feedback is sought from any known local groups or individuals with neurodiverse conditions or visual impairments. This could include comment on agreed locations for banners and mitigating any excessive street clutter etc. Are you able to provide any comment and/or provide contact details in order that local interest groups or individuals can be contacted separately?

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How we will use your information

The information you have provided will be used for statistical purposes and to inform decision making and service performance.

The survey results data will be shared within Shropshire Council. We will not share the survey data with any third parties. We will only publish anonymised responses, parts of responses, or a summarized version of responses and will ensure individual survey respondents cannot be identified. Your response will be stored securely and kept in line with Shropshire Council's Retention Schedule.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.



Shropshire

Fire and Rescue Service

18 November 2024



Have your say on the future of SFRS

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service has launched its public consultation for the upcoming Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) which will run from 2025 to 2028.

The consultation will run for eight weeks from 1st November and is your opportunity to have your say, as one of our partners, on what the Service should be focusing on in the next three years.

The CRMP highlights three key priorities, including the use of innovative technology, climate and environmental impact, and operational excellence.

To make it easier to give feedback, we have developed an online questionnaire where you can tell us what really matters to you.

Chief Fire Officer Simon Hardiman said: "This CRMP will set out our focus for the next three years, so it is important that the partners and stakeholders of Shropshire have their say. The purpose for this is to invest in improvements that will make Shropshire safer and make SFRS a better place to work, so we can deliver the best service to our communities."