

#### 1.5.8 Any Other Business

Cllr Blick proposed thanks to those Council Members who were retiring from the Council at this time and offered good wishes to those Members who were standing in the forthcoming District Council elections.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 8.40 pm.

and will finish in mid-June. Cllr Lawton added that when once the system was installed it would become the responsibility of the Town Council.

Cllr Blick advised that discussion had taken place with regard to the road colouring which will take place once all other works had been completed. He advised that due to problems experienced in Gloucester where recent road colouring had been spoiled due to insufficient time given for it to cure, it was suggested to prevent similar problems in Newent when the road colouring is applied, that a road closure be applied for possibly over a week-end period.

Cllr Blick went on to advise the public seats – one outside Cost Cutters and one near to the Library are due to be reinstated and suggested the Highways Authority be asked to concrete them into the ground prior to paving, to reinforce anti-vandalism. This was agreed.

#### 1.5.5 Newent Initiative Trust

Cllr Beard who was not present at the meeting sent an update on progress of the Newent Community Centre. He advised since the last Users meeting, the Focus Group had met three times. A full picture of the Users is being built up including payment terms and public and contents insurance held. Through contact with Gloucestershire County Council and Nigel Burgess an income and expenditure account for the Community Centre is emerging but has not as yet been finalised.

The search for new users is continuing and the Focus Group would like to ask the Users to continue their search for new users of the building. Grant request has been made to cover the cost of running the Youth Club and Young Carers for a year plus a grant for running costs of the building. Peter Street is continuing to research possible grants to help run the building. An Expression of Interest in taking over the building has been accepted and Heads of Terms between Newent Initiative Trust and Gloucestershire County Council are being discussed although Gloucestershire County Council is not in a position immediately to conclude this. The building will not be sold whilst a service to the community is being provided from that building and hence their request above to make the building as fully occupied as possible as this firmly protects the asset for their continued use. Gloucestershire County Council has confirmed that they will no longer be responsible for the building after 30 June 2011 but the Focus Group will ensure that it is business as usual for the users from 1 July 2011.

#### 1.5.6 Representative Reports

There were no representative reports

#### 1.5.7 Travellers Southend Lane – update

Cllr Lawton advised that matters were progressing but he was unable to reveal details of such in an open meeting which would be detrimental to such.

1.5.2 FODDC – Local Development Framework. Core Strategy Publication Document March 2011

Members discussed the Core Strategy publication document and agreed that individual responses be made by Members.

1.5.3 Newent in Bloom – request to plant tree on Town Council land to commemorate Royal Wedding on 29 April 2011

Members agreed in principle to the planting of a tree to commemorate the imminent Royal Wedding. Cllr Blick proposed spending £150 from Civic/Mayor expenses budget and a further £150 from the Lake Tree budget to purchase and provide a protective guarding of a suitable species to be agreed at the Recreation & Environment Committee. This was seconded and unanimously agreed.

1.6 Business

1.6.1 Planning applications – see attached

Cllr Lawton declared a personal interest in planning application no. 3 and refrained from comment and voting.

1.6.2 Town Centre Developments

Cllr Lawton advised that he and Cllr Blick had met with representatives from Gloucestershire Highways, Street Lighting Dept and others to discuss the lighting of the Market House which was due to take place shortly. Cllr Lawton explained this was to be done with LED low energy lighting in the ground the tops of which will be armoured glass and lie flush with the paving slabs. These will run along the outside edge and around the corner of the Market House and will light the outside of the building. This will be a very white light and will be for display purposes. The Town Council will have control of the operating times of these lights via a unit beneath the Market House containing a clock. Beneath the Market house there will be four rows of LED lights in the ground directing light upwards at the building. These will be a warm white light and will operate in conjunction with the street lighting. They will be independent of the display lighting. These will not be in control of the Town Council. It is expected the lifespan of all of the lights will be very long. Cllr Blick had looked at the fittings of the lights and had asked that they be installed with security screws and that the Town Council be provided with some spare glass tops and inserts. Cllr Lawton advised that County Highways would be writing to the Town Council shortly to confirm when the work will start - it was expected that this would be in the third week of May

### 1.3.2 Recreation & Environment Committee

Approval of the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee meeting of 28 March 2011 was proposed by Cllr Wellington, seconded by Cllr Offord and unanimously agreed.

P. 226 11.3.3 Cllr Blick questioned the need for 40 ft paths and said that this would take up all available space. He proposed that this be looked at carefully when the plans were drawn up.

### 1.4 Finance & Sundry Payments

Finance & Sundry Payments were agreed and considered lawful to a figure of £21,094.58.

### 1.5 Correspondence

#### 1.5.1 Mrs S Marcovecchio – Dog Order at Newent Lake

Further letter from Mrs Marcovecchio objecting to the Dog Control Order at the Lake a copy of which had been distributed to Members with the Agenda.

Cllr Blick proposed having received further adverse comments regarding the Dog Control Order that the matter be left until the new Council to ascertain whether it wish to consider varying the Order. He proposed that the matter be raised again in July.

Cllr Parsons spoke against the proposition and said the Council had made a decision, the process of making the Order had been done correctly and legally and he proposed that the matter not be discussed for a further four years. This was seconded by Cllr Wood.

Cllr Moore spoke in favour of Cllr Blick's proposition and suggested that the wooded area at the bottom end of the Lake area could be opened up for dogs off leads.

Cllr Pilkington commented that if the Council was mindful of revisiting the matter then it should not at this stage discuss what it may or may not do, thus prejudicing the situation.

Cllr Lawton put forward an amendment to Cllr Blick's proposition in that the time lapse before reviewing the matter again should be 12 months from the date of the Order. This was seconded by Cllr Greening. A vote was taken on the amendment resulting in 9 in favour, 1 abstention and was therefore carried. The amendment became the substantive motion and a further vote was taken resulting in 9 in favour 1 abstention.

## NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Newent Town Council held on Monday 11 April 2011 at the Market House, Newent at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D Blick (Mayor), Cllr A Parsons (Deputy Mayor), Cllr B Wellington, Cllr Mrs K Draper, Cllr P Moore, Cllr E Wood, Cllr M Greening, Cllr W Offord, Cllr L Lawton, Cllr R Pilkington

Apologies: Cllr P Street, Cllr R Beard

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1.00 Approval of Minutes of Council meeting – 14 March 2011.

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 14 March 2011 was proposed by Cllr Blick and unanimously agreed.

1.1. Matters Arising

P. 216 10.2.7 Traffic calming Culver Street, Newent

Cllr Blick advised that following consultation with Public Rights of Way, Gloucestershire County Council, they had agreed to consult with the Developer whose property was adjacent to the footpath with a view to requesting them to install a barrier to the road edge to discourage children enroute to and from the local school from stepping directly into the road.

1.2 Approval of Minutes of Council meeting – 28 March 2011 (Planning)

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 28 March 2011 was proposed by Cllr Blick and unanimously agreed after the following amendment:- Include those present – Cllr Wood, Greening and Mrs Draper.

1.3 Committee Reports

1.3.1 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Approval of the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 28 March 2011 was proposed by Cllr Lawton, seconded by Blick and agreed by 10 votes in favour, 1 against after the following amendment:- Include those present - Cllr Parsons.

P.221 11.1.1 Newent Onion Fayre - request financial assistance re rubbish collection

Cllr Moore spoke in favour of re-instating the request for £500 to assist with rubbish collection. Cllr Wood spoke against this and stated that the Onion Fayre had large surplus funding. Cllr Moore's proposition was not seconded