

LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL A G E N D A

COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Council, Unitary Councillors; Press

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Despatch date: - 19th February 2020

You are summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of Ludlow Town Council to be held at The Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow, on Monday 24th February 2020 at 6:30pm

Gina Wilding

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Town Clerk

Key Agenda Items:

- ***Youth Services***
- ***Flooding***

The public may speak at this meeting

Public Open Session (15 minutes) – Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern.

1. Health and Safety

Councillors and members of the public are to note that the fire exits can be found to the rear of the building outside the Council Chamber and via the front door. The fire assembly point is on the pavement opposite the Guildhall. For fire safety purposes all Councillors should sign the attendance book and members of the public should sign the attendance sheet.

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The act of recording and broadcasting must not interfere with the meeting.

The Council understands that some members of the public may not wish to be recorded and asks that they make this known immediately.

3. Apologies

To receive apologies from councillors not present.

4. Declarations of Interests

To receive declarations of interests from councillors.

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
- b) Declaration of conflicts of Interest
- c) Declarations of personal 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.

5. Public Open Session (15 minutes)

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6. Ludlow's Unitary Councillors Question and Answer Session

Ludlow's Unitary Councillors are invited to address the Council.

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7.	YOUTH SERVICES IN LUDLOW To approve a proposal from Shropshire Council.	7
8.	STORM DENNIS To review the situation and consider further actions.	8

M e m b e r s h i p

Councillors Gill (Town Mayor); Pote (Deputy Mayor); Clarke; Cobley; Garner; Ginger; Jones; Lyle; Naysmith; Parry; O'Neill, Perks; Sheward; and Smithers.

**The next Council meeting will be held on the
9th March 2020**

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YOUTH SERVICES IN LUDLOW

From: Karen Ladd
Sent: Tue, 18 Feb 2020 08:34:16 +0000
To: Gina Wilding
Subject: RE: Shropshire Youth Provision

Good morning Gina,
Apologies to push you, but I am receiving pressure for Shropshire Youth Association to extend their contracts as a matter of urgency. I am told that their staff are feeling under threat of redundancy and have begun looking for alternative work. Is there any possibility that you might be able to contact your members ahead of the meeting on the 9th, so that I might action this more hastily? We obviously do not want to put the youth club at any further risk, and the current contract is due to end on the 31st March.

Kind regards,

Karen.

Karen Ladd
Early Help Change Programme Manager
Tel: 01743 250991

From: Gina Wilding <townclerk@ludlow.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 February 2020 17:27
To: Karen Ladd <karen.ladd@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Shropshire Youth Provision

Dear Karen,

Thank you for your email. The matter will be put to council on 9 March, and I anticipate a positive response.

Kind regards,
Gina

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On 14 Feb 2020, at 10:43, Karen Ladd <karen.ladd@shropshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Wilding,

As you will be aware Shropshire Council has recently agreed a new proposal for the delivery of youth support across the county. Our hope over the next financial year is for town and parish councils to pick up the funding for youth clubs currently being funded by Shropshire Council as part of the LJC commissioning arrangements, and re-direct Shropshire Council's funds into employing a team of youth workers across Shropshire to offer an element of outreach/detached youth work to reach some of our more vulnerable and 'at risk' young people, who are causing concern to local areas. Already we have had some interest and commitment from some of our local councils to the new model and we would like to work with these areas initially to introduce and build this new local model of working.

I understand that Ludlow is not in a position to fund the youth club this year, if you agree, I would like to suggest that we extend the existing contract with SYA until the end of March 2021. There will be no further extensions after this date.

As the year progresses and we continue to embed and grow the model, we will of course be in touch to discuss the way forward and how we can best support and work together to meet the needs of local young people.

Could you please confirm that you would be happy for me to offer the extension to Shropshire Youth Association?

Kind regards,

Karen.

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STORM DENNIS



REPORT

Ludlow Town Council

STORM DENNIS

Report No. FC/20/0

**Full Council
24th February 2020**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides an initial summary of the involvement of Ludlow Town Council in the recent emergency planning activities.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To review the situation and consider further action.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 An extended period of severe wet weather, and most recently Storm Dennis has caused saturation of the ground and swollen rivers that have caused flooding.

4. CURRENT SITUATION

- 4.1 There was flooding in Lower Corve Street early Sunday morning. Cllr Pote reported it to the town clerk, who made contact with Shropshire Council (SC) Emergency Planning Team. There was also flooding at Temeside and images of the flooding were sent to Shropshire Council. Cllr Gill and Cllr Parry were helping at Temeside.
- 4.2 The flooding at the Linney was also very high and the public toilets and the boat shed were protected with sandbags – even though flood water does

not normally reach this level.

- 4.3 Early in the afternoon, Shropshire Council Emergency Planning (SCEP) staff contacted the town clerk & Councillor Garner to advise that a danger to life warning had been issued by the Environment agency for the River Teme in Ludlow, and that additional support was being sent to Ludlow.
- 4.4 At the request of the SCEP, the town clerk relayed the information on social media and asked that the public to stay off bridges, stay away from flood waters and stay safe! Cllr Garner contacted the local radio stations with the same message.
- 4.5 Cllr Garner arranged for the Methodist Church Garden Room to be opened as a Rest Centre and the town clerk put a message on social media that a place of shelter for those effected by flooding in Ludlow is open at for hot drinks, shelter and advice.
- 4.6 The town clerk & Cllr Garner went to the Methodist Church and liaised with members of the Methodist Church. Cllr Gill also came to the Methodist Church. The Elim Church, and the Youth Centre also opened as a Rest Centres.
- 4.7 At approx. 4pm, SCEP provided an update that the water level has / is peaking and no further peaks were expected. At this time, no one requiring assistance turned up at the Methodist Church.
- 4.8 Further message from SCEP advised that all residents who are at risk of flooding have been spoken to by Fire or Police, and no one had made it known to either Fire or police they needed assistance.
- 4.9 The message on social media has been updated with a contact phone number, and arrangement to reopen if necessary were put in place, and Methodist Church has been stood down.
- 5.0 On Monday, Ludlow Town Council was contacted by Lower Corve Street with a request to provide skips. Information was provided to the Town Council to confirm that 17 homes had been flooded in Lower Corve Street, and 12 in Temeside.

5. SKIPS

- 5.1 Cllr Boddington asked Shropshire Council for immediate provision of skips to help with the initial clearance of flooded homes. Initially the request was refused. The town clerk began investigating the cost of skips, and the most cost effective way to dispose of white goods. Veolia were contacted to ask advice on the removal of whitegoods. There was no

delegated authority for the town clerk to immediately authorize expenditure.

- 5.2 Shropshire Council leader and chief executive visited Ludlow on Tuesday, Cllr Boddington and Cllr Gill also attended. At the meeting, Shropshire Council agreed to provide skips and on Wednesday morning three skips were sent to each site. The Town Council staff assisted with lifting of heavy items, and the landlord of the Unicorn organised the local community to assist with the clearance of flood damaged items on Thursday. The Town Council also agreed to assist.

6. COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 The Guildhall received a high volume of calls on Monday morning, and were able to re-direct enquiries to Shropshire Council.
- 6.2 The Town Council's initial communication focus was through social media – primarily Facebook and Twitter. The Town Council website has now been updated to link to Shropshire Council's Storm Dennis page.
- 6.3 The Town Council has remained in contact with the Methodist Church, who have been able to assist residents in finding temporary accommodation, and have suggested a future discussion with SC housing options to enable better understanding of their services.
- 6.4 Local organisations including Ludlow WI, Let's Go Ludlow and Ludlow Hunt have approached the Town Council to facilitate communication with those affected by flooding, and for information.
- 6.5 The Town Council is an organisation that can assist in small ways and at a grass roots level. This report is not exhaustive in recording all the ways the Town Council might, and has helped. Part of the longer term review should be to consider what went well and what could be done better.

6. FUNDING

- 6.1 It has been suggested that the Town Council's Project Support Grants Scheme could consider applications from community organisations who wish to prepare for an emergency situation that may occur in the future.

Town Clerk
February 2020

Implications

Wards Affected (All)

Financial (as contained within the report)

Health & Safety (as contained within the report)

Law & Order (none)

Environmental Implications (none)