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MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 12 October 2015 at 6.55 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllrs B Berryman (Chairman), R Christodoulides, J Greenwood, H Ives,

C Legg, J Openshaw, B Pearman, A Preest, D Pugh, S Rudge and

C Vaughan

Ms Alison Robinson, CEO, Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town

Councils - Presentation only

Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

Cllr Berryman informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

Cllr Berryman welcomed Ms Robinson, Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils to the meeting. Ms Robinson congratulated the Council on its recent attainment of Quality Gold Status and advised that a number of other Councils in Gloucestershire had since voiced their intention to attain the Quality Gold standard. Ms Robinson hoped that the Council would act as a mentor to other Council's which were seeking the award and presented the Council with its official Quality Gold certificate.

Ms Robinson then excused herself from the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Beddis, Biddle, Harris, Street and District Councillor Simpson.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 September 2015 was **proposed by Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Pugh.** Unanimous.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Members were provided with a copy of the report which had been received from the Police.

Due to the lack of Police attendance at the meeting, the issues below were highlighted by Councillors and the CEO was requested to obtain a response from the Police on the following matters:

- i) The number of crimes recorded under the "violence" category for the whole of the town Sept 2014 to October 2014 was 4, whereas the same category for September 2015 to October 2015 was 15. Furthermore, specifically the, "Assault with injury" category for the period in 2014 was 1, but now stands at 10. What are the Police doing to address this notable and significant rise?
- ii) Is there any way to show all the figures in one table as the current format does not allow for immediate observation.

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- iii) Is it possible to provide the data for a large period than one month?
- iv) Is there any possibility that colour could be used to help interpret the information?

Action by - the CEO

OPEN FORUM

No requests to speak were received.

6. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR

Cllr Berryman advised that since the last meeting he had attended a number of events, including:

- Ross on Wye Town Council Civic Service
- Army Reserve Centre for 1 Rifles

Cllr Berryman also voiced his intention to utilise £50.00 of the Civic budget to purchase food for the Food Bank.

7. CEO'S REPORT

A copy of the CEOs report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, the contents of which were duly noted (Appendix A). A report was then given on the following matters:-

- Members were provided with a copy of the information supplied by Mr J Thurston regarding the presentation of the Coat of Arms (Town Council Crest) in 1965.
 Noted.
- Members were provided with a hard copy of Standing Orders which had been amended in line with legislative requirements and previously approved (see September 2015 minutes) and were requested to ensure that the document was added to their Policy Folder.
- Members were also provided with a hard copy of the following amended documents:
 - o Remit of Committees
 - o Financial Regulations
 - o Councillor Contact Listing
 - o Committee Membership Listing
 - Meeting Schedule (to include Town & Events Committee Meetings)
- Members were provided with a hard copy of the e-mail which had been sent by the Administrative Assistant regarding the arrangements for the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust Firework display.
- Members were also provided with a copy of the Christmas Lights Switch On
 Action Overview sheet which had been produced following the Town and Events
 Committee meeting. It was noted that the deposit for the Royal Signals
 Motorcycle Display Team The White Helmets had been released in line with the
 Committee's instruction and that a local fairground organiser was providing
 guidance to the Committee regarding the access for the Royal Signals Motorcycle
 Display Team The White Helmets.

7b) Councillor Surgeries

Members noted that the next Councillor Surgery would take place on 21 November 2015 and Cllrs Berryman and Openshaw would be in attendance (details to be confirmed).

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Cllrs Pugh and Ives provided Members with an overview of the points raised by Members of the public during the last Councillor Surgery which had taken place in Tesco on Saturday 26 September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. During discussion it was felt advantageous for the Council to further promote itself and explain the wide range of services which it provided for the community.

8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT -	OCTOBER 2015				
Opening Bank Balances as 1st April 2015				2014/15 Commitm	nents Brought
LLOYDS BANK - Current account			91,848.82	£28,551.74	
LLOYDS BANK - Lydney In Bloom - current			94.10		
LLOYDS BANK - NDP - current			9,629.81		
LLOYDS BANK - Youth Council - current			885.96		
LLOYDS BANK - LGPS - current			10.00		
LLOYDS BANK - Earmarked Reserves:					
\$106	29,191.50				
Lydney War Memorial	1,347.00				
Play Areas	8,000.00				
Cemetery	13,842.14				
Walkers Are Welcome Signage	2,000.00				
Machinery	11,500.00				
NDP Earmarked	4,296.62				
LGPS Provision		5,177.26			
LLOYDS BANK - General Reserve	141	1,412.46	216,589.72		
DECEIDTS			319,058.41		
RECEIPTS Receipts APRIL	2/1	.,940.18		2	ncludes Precept 1 of 2
Receipts MAY		3,309.38			iciddes Precept 1 0) 2
Receipts JUNE		2,500.12			
Receipts JULY		,029.69			
Receipts AUGUST		,398.52			
				See attached	includes Precept
Receipts SEPTEMBER	232	,670.30		2 of 2	
Receipts OCTOBER		-			
Receipts NOVEMBER					
Receipts DECEMBER		-			
Receipts JANUARY Receipts FEBRUARY					
Receipts MARCH		-			
Lydney In Bloom: Income banked to LIB current a/c	1	,955.70		See Separate Finar	icial Statement
NDP: Income banked to NDP current a/c	-	0.00		See Separate Finar	
outh Council: Income banked to YC current a/c		0.00		No transactions in	
outh council. Income bulined to re-current dy't	Total Receip		517,803.89	NO transactions in	2013/10 to date
PAYMENTS					
Payments APRIL	9,	,575.10			
Payments MAY	86,	,843.19			
Payments JUNE	35,	,413.57			
ayments JULY	36,	,437.84			
Payments AUGUST	47,	,123.79			
ayments SEPTEMBER	29,	,055.65			
ayments OCTOBER	68,	,630.08		Detailed below	
ayments NOVEMBER		-			
Payments DECEMBER		-			
Payments JANUARY		-			
Payments FEBRUARY		-			
Payments MARCH		-			
ayments PRIOR TO YEAR END		-			
ydney In Bloom: Cheque Payments to date from LIB		,973.20		See Separate Finan	
IDP: Cheque Payments to date from NDP a/c		230.42		See Separate Finan	
outh Council: Cheque Payments to date from Youth (No transactions in	2015/16 to date
	Total Paymer	nts YID	319,282.84		
			517,579.46		
econciled Bank Statements as at end SE	PTEMBER			Bank statements at	tached
LOYDS BANK - Current account			262,001.75		
LOUIS DANK I I I I I I I			202,002.75		18

76.60

no recent transactions

Ref: mins - Town Council Mtg 121015

LLOYDS BANK - Lydney in Bloom - current

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Bank Balances as at:	30-Sep-15		517,579.46	0.00 check
LLOYDS BANK - General Reserve		154,028.50	249,205.76	
LGPS Provision	5,000.00	95,177.26		
NDP Earmarked	4,296.62			
Machinery	6,000.00			Increased by £2,500 22.9.15
Walkers Are Welcome Signage	2,000.00			
Election Costs	7,500.00			Tfr from Current a/c 22.9.15
Cemetery: Additional Burial Space	5,000.00			Tfr from Current a/c 22.9.15
Cemetery: Memorial Testing	5,000.00			Tfr from Current a/c 22.9.15
Cemetery	13,842.14			
Play Areas (Primrose Hill)	8,000.00			Tfr from Current a/c 23.7.15
Play Areas (General)	8,000.00			
Lydney War Memorial	1,347.00			
\$106	29,191.50			
LLOYDS BANK - Earmarked Reserves:				
LLOYDS BANK - LGPS - current			10.00	no recent transactions
LLOYDS BANK - Youth Council - current			885.96	no recent transactions
LLOYDS BANK - NDP - current			5,399.39	

OCTOBER PAYMENTS			Chq. No		Description/Spending Power:
Payments made by Direct Debit/Standing O	rder				
ATOS Fuel Genie	15.09.15	345.49	Mthly DD		Fuel
Cablestream Ltd	18.09.15	132.58	Mthly DD		Telephone
FoDDC Business Rates	22.09.15	62.00	Mthly DD		Establishment Charges
Dean Truck Repairs	28.09.15	234.00	Mthly STO		Van lease
Forest Equipment Services	28.09.15	760.81	Mthly STO		Litterpicking
Forest Equipment Services: Cemetery	28.09.15	80.10	Mthly STO		Cemetery
British Telecom	28.09.15	121.80	Qtrly DD		Telephone
PWLB	30.09.15	7,643.43	Biannual DD		PWLB
Interim Payments:	Sub total	9,380.21			
nterim Payments made in advance of meet	ing:				
Antiques Storehouse Ltd		645.00	8051	Ad hoc	Purchase of Shield (2/3 by donation)
Royal Signals Display Team		693.30	8052	Ad hoc	Events
Interim Payments:	Sub total	1,338.30			
Payments for approval at meeting held on:	12 th October 2015				
Corporate: Payroll		12,751.59	BACS	Monthly	October
Corporate: HMRC		3379.7	BACS	Monthly	October
Corporate: Glos LGPS		4,878.30	BACS	Monthly	October
Avoncrop		211.00	8053	Ad hoc	Playareas
DBC Solutions Ltd		180.00	8054	Ad hoc	2014/15 B'fwd
Designer Signs		48.00	8055	Ad hoc	Grit Bins
Glos Rural Community Council		25.00	8056	Annual	Subscription
Hartpury College		200.00	8057	Ad hoc	Training
Lydney Park Estate		1,462.00	8058	Ad hoc	2014/15 B'fwd
		1,462.00 63.30	8058 8059	Ad hoc Ad hoc	2014/15 B'fwd Machinery
Revill Mowers Ltd					3.
Revill Mowers Ltd Richard Cole		63.30	8059	Ad hoc	Machinery
Revill Mowers Ltd Richard Cole Travis Perkins		63.30 2,143.20 20.81 162.00	8059 8060 8061 8062	Ad hoc Monthly	Machinery Grass cutting Cemetery Trees
Revill Mowers Ltd Richard Cole Travis Perkins TrunkArb Tree Surgery Ltd		63.30 2,143.20 20.81	8059 8060 8061	Ad hoc Monthly Ad hoc	Machinery Grass cutting Cemetery Trees Newsletter
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Revill Mowers Ltd Richard Cole Travis Perkins TrunkArb Tree Surgery Ltd Whitehouse Press Ltd Worksafely Ltd Travel Expenses Travel Expenses Travel Expenses BPRT		63.30 2,143.20 20.81 162.00 435.00 54.95 68.90 291.93 22.44 21,500.00	8059 8060 8061 8062 8063 8064 8065 8066 8067	Ad hoc Monthly Ad hoc Ad hoc Quarterly Ad hoc Ad hoc Monthly Monthly Biannual	Machinery Grass cutting Cemetery Trees Newsletter PPE Civic Expenses 2014/15 B'fwd & Training Training Grant instalment 2/2
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BPRT LRT			2,650.94 1,015.69	8074 8075	Quarterly Quarterly	VAT Repaid VAT Repaid	
	Payments for approval:	Sub total	57,911.57				
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	OCTOBER	68,630.08				

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

See Separate Financial Statement

LYDNEY IN BLOOM:

NB: No transactions since previous statement

YOUTH COUNCIL:

NB: No transactions since previous statement

A list of unpresented Cheques (For Information only)

Gloucestershire Constabulary

8023 149.86 50.00

Total 199.86

Monthly Financial Statement

Members were advised that the second half of the Precept had been received from Forest of Dean District Council.

Receipt of the monthly payment schedule (Month 7) was proposed by Cllr Openshaw, seconded by Cllr Rudge. Unanimous.

Approval of the payments therefrom proposed by Cllr Openshaw, seconded by Cllr Rudge. Unanimous.

Establishment Costs 2016/2017

Members were provided with a copy of the proposed Establishment Costs budget for 2016/2017 which had been calculated using the "known" costs of running the Council (e.g. Public Works Loan, subscriptions, newsletters, etc). Attention was drawn to the slight reduction in the budget which was proposed for 2016/2017 which was due to reduced printing costs.

Members were also provided with copies of the proposed 2016/2017 Civic budget which had been slightly increased to reflect actual costs. Copies of the proposed Election Cost budget for 2016/2017 were also provided to Members which showed a reduction in the budget (due to Earmarked Reserves/contingency); the need to increase the contingency budget was explained to Members.

After taking an opportunity to consider the above draft budgets, the following was proposed:

- Establishment Costs budget for 2016/2017 it was proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Preest, that the proposed budget of £80,114 would be accepted. Unanimous.
- Civic budget for 2016/2017 it was proposed by Cllr Openshaw, seconded by Cllr **Pugh**, that the proposed budget of £3,710 would be accepted. Unanimous.
- Election Costs budget for 2016/2017 it was proposed by Cllr Openshaw, seconded by Cllr Pugh, that the proposed budget of £5,000 would be accepted. Unanimous.
- Contingency budget for 2016/2017 it was proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, that the proposed budget of £5,000 would be accepted. Unanimous.
- LYDNEY'S RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY WORKING GROUP 9. No progress made since the last meeting.

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10. CYCLE PATH

Lydney Revolutions

Nothing to report.

Parkend to Lydney Cycle Partnership Board

Cllr Greenwood reported that slow progress was being made and highlighted that the Forestry Commission was working under budgetary constraints. Furthermore, that it would be necessary to produce a Definitive Map prior to obtaining funding.

11. LYDNEY HARBOUR

Cllr Berryman reminded Members that the matter would fall under the remit of the Coastal Community Team Stakeholder Group. Responding to a question raised by Cllr Ives, Cllrs Berryman and Pearman provided Members with an overview of the formation and operation of the Coastal Community Team Stakeholder Group and the initial project which was being pursued by the Group.

12. EDUCATION/YOUTH SERVICES IN LYDNEY

Cllr Openshaw advised that he had attempted to contact Malmesbury Town Council but had yet to receive a response. Furthermore, that as a Councillor involved with a previous grant application had now completed and returned a monitoring form the Council would now be eligible to apply for funding for an event from Forest of Dean District Council.

Discussion then took place on reports of long term sickness of a member of key personnel at The Dean Academy, as several Councillors had been approached by concerned parents. Whilst it was noted that The Dean Academy appointed their own Board of Governors, County Cllr Preest gave a commitment to make enquiries via Gloucestershire County Council.

Action by - County Cllr Preest

13. REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Members noted that the Road Closure for the event had been obtained by The Royal British Legion Lydney Branch.

Cllr Berryman advised that The Royal British Legion possessed "blanket insurance" for Remembrance Parades which they organised, such as the one in Lydney. Furthermore, that the Order of Service for the event would be printed at a cost of £139.00 which would be covered by the Council, as previous years.

Cllr Berryman advised that a future agenda item would be to consider if the event was to be classed as a "Civic" event and therefore organised by the Council.

14. FORMAL CORREPONDENCE RECEIVED

- E-mail from Ms Tracey Smith, Programme Officer, Allocations Plan Examination, Forest of Dean District Council advising of her role; the name of the appointed Inspector; that an initial draft Hearings Timetable and draft Schedule of Matters and Issues would be issued in the forthcoming weeks. Cllr Greenwood offered to represent the Council at the Hearing; Cllr Pearman offered to act as "stand-in" if Cllr Greenwood was not able to attend the Hearing, when the date was publicised.
- E-mail from Mr Sean Morris, Principal Policy and Research Officer, UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace inviting UK and Ireland members of Mayors for Peace to consider endorsing a joint statement.
- Quality Gold Accreditation congratulations on the Council's attainment of the award has been received from Robert Wildin and the Rt Hon Mark Harper MP.

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- National Association of Local Councils notification that the Council has been chosen as "Council of the Week"
- E-mail from Ms Rebecca Hurcombe, Forest of Dean District Council, inviting Members to the Chairman's Civic Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Lydney on Monday 14 December 2015 at 6.30 pm.
- E-mail from Ms Heather Donovan, Gloucestershire County Council, inviting Members to attend two celebratory events at Gloucestershire Archives, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester. One event will take place on Thursday 22 October 2015 at 7.30 pm to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. (Cllr Greenwood offered to attend the event on behalf of the Council). The second event will take place on 24 November 2015 regarding Documenting Democracy. (Cllr Ives offered to attend the event on behalf of the Council).
- Letter from the Transport Planning Team, Strategic Planning, Gloucestershire County Council advising that Gloucestershire's draft Local Transport Plan (2015-2031) consultation will run for 11 weeks between 20 November 2015 5 February 2016.
- E-mail from Ms Hester Hunt, Engagement Officer, Communications Team, Gloucestershire County Council, advising that in April 2015 Gloucestershire County Council approved the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015/2018 put forward by Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service. Consultation on the proposals contained in the plan will run from 1 October 2015 for 90 days.
- E-mail from Ms Lindsay Reid, Planning and Development Assistant, Asset Management and Property Services, Gloucestershire County Council advising of the proposed sale of three County Council owned sites within Lydney, these being:
 - o Severnleigh and The Briars, Naas Lane, Lydney
 - o Fairtide, Naas Lane, Lydney
 - Part of Lydney Town Marsh off Lydney Bypass

The above sites have been declared surplus by Gloucestershire County Council and Steve Gooch Estate Agents would commence marketing the sites with an auction taking place on 11 November 2015. It was proposed by Cllr Pugh that County Cllr Preest would e-mail County Cllr Hawthorne to request that the land off Lydney Bypass be withdrawn from sale pending interest from Forest of Dean District Council/Lydney Town Council, however, the motion was not seconded.

• E-mail from Coleford Town Council advising of a Charity Showcase which they have arranged for 18 November 2015 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Forest Hills Golf Club. Clir Vaughan offered to attend the event on behalf of the Council.

15. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

Burial Committee

Members noted that the draft minutes of the September meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.

Planning Committee

Members noted that the draft minutes of the September meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.

Personnel Committee

Members noted that the approved minutes of the Extra Ordinary October meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.



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NDP Steering Group

Members noted that the draft minutes of the September meeting were available from the NDP website. A hard copy could be provided to Members/the public upon request.

Cllr Pearman advised that the Independent Examiner had completed their work and had offered a number of suggested amendments to the Plan, which had been accepted by Steering Group Members, Cllr Pearman hoped to deliver a copy of the amended Plan to Forest of Dean District Council on 16 October 2015. Due to the timings of District Council meetings it was noted that the Plan would not be considered by District Council's Full Council until December, and it was anticipated that a Referendum would be held in February 2016.

Cllr Pearman highlighted that it had taken almost four years to reach this point, due to lack of Officer support for the Plan by Forest of Dean District Council.

Coastal Communities Revival

Cllr Pearman advised that the cycle project had been removed from the funding bid as it was felt that its inclusion may have conflicted with the funding already gained.

Community Economic Development Fund

Cllr Pearman advised that Working Party were continuing to meet, with a Transport Group Working Party meeting taking place at 6.00 pm on 13 October 2015. Once all the Working Parties had met their recommendations would be collated and considered.

Community Safety Partnership

Cllr Ives advised that he had obtained clarification regarding the purchase of the Old Court building in Coleford. It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner intended to purchase the building; following purchase the intention was to transfer the equipment from Lydney Station to Coleford.

Cllr Ives also reported that at the last meeting on 16 September 2015 a fund of £2,500 was held by the Community Safety Partnership for projects relating to safety of the public. Furthermore, that at the Road Safety Liaison Group Inspector Steve Chester had stated that tackling speeding was a priority for the Police.

Chartered Parishes Group

Cllr Ives advised no meeting had taken place since the last meeting.

Forest of Dean Health Forum

Cllrs Vaughan and Pugh had not been able to attend the last meeting.

Lydney Flood Defence Stakeholder Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held were provided to Councillors.

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16. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No report was received.

17. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

No written report was received.

County Cllr Preest advised that a consultation exercise would be operated from 6 October 2015 to 4 January 2016 concerning funded public transport. County Cllr Preest gave a commitment to forward the associated paperwork to the CEO in order that it may be circulated to Members. It was also noted that the consultation document could be obtained from Gloucestershire County Council's website.

Air Quality Management

County Cllr Preest advised that he had received unsatisfactory answers from Officers at Gloucestershire County Council and Forest of Dean District Council regarding the £44,000 funding which had been received from DEFRA regarding the scheme for Lydney.

Lydney Station

County Cllr Preest advised that an Officer at Gloucestershire County Council had requested that Arriva add "Gateway to the Forest" on all literature and timetables which mentioned Lydney.

Co-operative Store

County Cllr Preest advised that no response had been received from the organisation regarding safety concerns which had been highlighted and he requested the CEO pursue the matter.

Action by - the CEO

18. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Rudge advised that the Poppy Shop situated at Sloppy Joe's would be officially opened by the Mayor at 10.00 am on 24 October 2015. An invitation was extended to all Councillors to attend.

Cllr Vaughan expressed concern over parking in Naas Lane Road outside a pub as the Landlady was being prevented from receiving her brewery deliveries. County Cllr Preest recommended that the Landlady contact her brewery to apply for a loading bay.

Cllr Openshaw advised that he had recently attending a Gloucestershire Market Town Meeting which considered the option of branding for each Town, but it was felt that this needed to be driven forward by Forest of Dean District Council if it was to be pursued in the Forest. The meeting also considered "mobile" tourism which relied on cached content.

Cllr Openshaw advised that the Local Action Group was responsible for distributing funding from DEFRA; that match funding was available up to £35,000 for projects which would generate employment in the Forest of Dean. Further information could be obtained from Mr Bob Watters.

19. PRESS RELEASE

Nothing to report.

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20. MEETING DATES

As per the meeting schedule (unless cancelled/postponed due to insufficient business by the relevant Chairman).

- 9 November 2015 Planning and Highway Committee/Full Council
- 16 November 2015 Town & Events/Amenities/Finance Committee Meeting commencing at 6.00 pm
- 23 November 2015 Burial Committee Meeting/Trust Meetings.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman Lb. 5 Sung

Date9/11/2015

Actions from Full Council meeting on 14 September 2015

Agenda Item	Action
4.	CEO to request Police attendance at October meeting in order to answer question on Operation Tom; provide clarification on the crime statistics; resolve a discrepancy in the "crime difference" figures; ascertain if they are able to highlight in their report any significant items and provide an explanation. Invitation extended, response pending.
9.	CEO to amend Standing Orders in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and issue a copy of the amended version to Members at the October Full Council meeting. Done
12b)	 CEO to ensure that £5,000 is included in the Amenities Committee budget for 2016/2017 in respect of a Town event. Done. CEO to provide Members with a copy of the amended Committee Remit document (incorporating the Town & Events Committee remit) for the October meeting. Done
16.	 CEO to advise Great Western Air Ambulance that charitable clothing banks are already operated in the Town by Forest through Forest of Dean District Council. Done. CEO to request Ms Hopes provide a presentation regarding her experience of a GirlGuiding UK trip at the Annual Town Meeting. Lttr sent. CEO to inform Ms Heather Forbes, County Archivist, that the Council declined the request for a donation towards a new storage facility. Done CEO to inform Ms Dawn Lane, Gloucestershire County Council, of the Town Council's interest in signing the Armed Forces Covenant. Done. CEO to contact the Royal British Legion Lydney Branch and a local businessman to ascertain if they, with the Council, would be interested in jointly purchasing a War Ship Week Adoption HMS Submarine H32 plaque, 1942, Lydney Rural District. Awaiting contributions prior to issuing a LTC cheque/securing item
17.	CEO to inform Forest of Dean District Council that Members' feel that the Lydney Community Emergency Plan and the Sandbag Contact Telephone Tree should be incorporated into the Flash Flooding Response Plan. Done. Response to be considered as agenda item
18.	County Cllr Preest to ask Mr B Watkins to investigate the possibility of installing a crossing point on Hill Street, close to the Old Police Station. Furthermore, to progress the relocation of the Vehicle Activated Sign from Highfield Road to Bream Road. Update CCllr Preest

Additional Points Actioned:

TOWN EVENTS COMMITTEE

- Christmas Event Copy of the overview sheet produced by office issued to all. Members are requested to note the items which are still to be addressed for which the staff require outstanding.
- Bathurst Park Summer Event (T&E Remit). Deposit forwarded to the White Helmet Display.
 Noted.
- Concern expressed to the Committee Chairman as to whether the WHDT unit can be accommodated in the Park. Guidance sought from Danters Info Pending.
- Working Party Meeting Cllr Openshaw to provide a verbal update

TOWN EVENTS COMMITTEE/AMENITIES COMMITTEE

• These are now separate committees, each have their own set of minutes. *Draft Minutes – available via the Website/Hard copy in Minute books (publically accessible).* Noted

FIREWORK EVENT - Custodial

- E-mail sent to all Members (Trustees) by KH (issued again at FC) confirming arrangements.
 Noted
- Risk Assessment/Contact Details Folder compiled/issued to Lead Trustee & CEO at FC. Noted
- Poppy Shop Radios to be made available for use at event Cllr Rudge to liaise with office-Pending.