

SC Cllr. Report (Ted Clarke)

May 2022

After many months in borrowed venues, Shropshire Council finally returned to the Shirehall council chamber for their meeting in May. Outside the building arriving members were lobbied by climate change activists, one with a loud drum! Quite separately, a group from the Civic Society politely handed out leaflets arguing for Shirehall to be refurbished and retained as Shropshire's County HQ.

Principal business of the meeting was the annual review of all SC Constitutional Committees and the allocation of seats thereon for next 12 months. Five questions, given with prior notice, were presented by members of the public, with each then given answers by relevant cabinet members.

Six separate motions from Council members were debated. Issues included: failure of the public bus/transport services; improving ambulance response times; measures to address hospital bed blocking; fit for purpose walking and cycling infrastructure on new housing developments; improving home energy efficiency & renewable energy production; resume Committee system of governance.

The meeting continued from 10am until 3pm. - by which time the drummer had long departed!

Locally: The recent display, in Memorial Hall and Library, of the Oaklands site design plans attracted some 50 visitors. A formal planning application is now being lodged with Shropshire planners.

Parish Council have now undertaken temporary repairs to the 3G Astra court playing surface at Lythwood and separately are looking to rejuvenate the BMX riding track.

New benches and a covered cycle rack await the owners promised repairs to paving on the Parade.

