

Market Drayton Town Council**Minutes of a Council meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 10 July 2025 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, J. Blandford, A. Cartwright, P. Glover, G. Groves, R. Hughes, T. Manton (Mayor), I. Nellins, and I. Sharp.

ABSENT: Councillor: R. Adcock.

In Attendance: 1 member of the public were present, and 2 members of the public listened to the meeting via Teams.

Clerks: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

The Mayor announced the meeting was being recorded and live streamed.

1.C APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor R. Adcock - Prior Appointment

2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. No disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. No dispensations were received for consideration.

3.C PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had requested to speak at the meeting.

4.C MINUTES

Councillor Sanderson entered the Chamber and joined the meeting.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Groves seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To approve and adopt the minutes of an Annual Council meetings held on 15 May 2025 and Extraordinary Council meeting held on 12 June 2025.

5.C TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members **NOTED** the Mayor's report which set out the events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Date	Event	Attended By:
Thursday 22 May 2025	Rotary Open Evening	Mayor
Wednesday 28 May 2025	Ludlow Mayor Making Ceremony	Mayor
Tuesday 17 June 2025	Cemetery Consecrated	Mayor
Wednesday 18 June 2025	Youth Club Visit with Councillors	Mayor
Sunday 22 June 2025	Ellesmere Town Council Civic Service	Mayor
Wednesday 25 June 2025	Buntingsdale Primary School Assembly	Mayor
Thursday 26 June 2025	Make It Market Drayton Launch Event	Mayor
Sunday 29 June 2025	Ludlow Sunday Service	Mayor
Sunday 29 June 2025	Newport's Civic Sunday	Deputy Mayor
Wednesday 2 July 2025	Mayor Visit to the Scouts	Mayor
Thursday 3 July 2025	Summer Fair Longlands Primary School	Mayor

6.C COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning Committee

Councillor Glover proposed, Councillor Sharp seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To agree the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 June 2025.

Services and Facilities Committee

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Glover seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To agree the minutes of the Services and Facilities Committee meeting held on 29 May 2025.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor Sharp proposed, Councillor T. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To agree the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 June 2025.

Community and Governance Committee

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor J. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To agree the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 26 June 2025.

Personnel Committee

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Glover seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 7 abstentions:

To agree the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on 29 May 2025.

7.C SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CALL FOR INFORMATION

The draft response to the Shropshire Council Call for Information was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CO55.

Members considered the responses to all questions.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree to submit the responses to the Shropshire Council Call For Information including the following additional comments:

A single point of contact is needed.

Customer Services do not provide a suitable service

A list of Councillors to be added to the website.

A review of the information to be reviewed in twelve month's time.

8.C MAKE IT MARKET DRAYTON

Feedback from the business event held at The Festival Drayton on the 26 June 2025 was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CO56.

After a brief discussion, members **NOTED** the feedback.

9.C YOUTH OFFER AND COMMUNITY PROFILING QUESTIONNAIRE

A draft response to the Youth Offer and Community Profiling questionnaire was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CO57.

The questionnaire is to help Shropshire Council better understand the needs of young people (aged 11-19) across the community, the current level of Youth Provision (the Youth Offer) and how the town council support or link into wider community profiling and youth development efforts at a local or council level.

Members considered the draft response to the questionnaire

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree to submit the response to the Youth Offer and Community Profiling questionnaire including the following additional comments:

- Question 6: Add Army Cadets training course.
 Question 8: Add Greenfields 2025 - 2026 £22,917 and SYA Youth provision and room hire 2025- 2026 £22,160.
 Question 10: Add Church Hall and Scout Hut.
 Question 12: Add The Grove Community Steering Group, engaging with our secondary school youngsters.
 Question 18: Add To improve facilities for young carers so that they can have respite and meet to gain support.

10.C SALC POST ELECTIONS FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS, SHROPSHIRE 2025 SURVEY

SALC are requesting information regarding the election process to identify areas for improvement to help ensure future election processes are run as smooth and effective as possible.

Members considered their response to the SALC Post Elections For Town and Parish Councils, Shropshire 2025, Survey as set out in See Appendix CO58.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Glover seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To respond to the SALC's Post Elections for Town and Parish Councils survey with the following responses:

Question No		Answer
1	*	Clear
	*	No
2	*	Yes
	*	No
3	*	Yes
	*	No
4	*	Yes
	*	No
5	*	Very Good
	*	Yes
	*	No
6	*	All
	*	None
	*	No

11.C FUTURE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SUPPORT SERVICES

Members considered a request from SALC for the Town Council to support the campaign regarding the withdrawal of funding for Neighbourhood Plans as set out in Appendix CO59.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor T. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To support the draft Future of Neighbourhood Planning Support Services

12.C CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Members considered the correspondence from Market Drayton Sports Association as set out in Appendix CO60a.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

- **Not to nominate councillors to sit on the board as a registered director of MDSA Ltd**
- **To write to the Association to inform them of the decision.**

Councillor Hughes requested an item regarding MDSA be put on the next Community and Governance Committee agenda to allow members to consider the future relationships with the group and the lease.

Councillor Mrs J. Beckett and T. Beckett left the Chamber.

- ii. Members considered the correspondence from a resident concerning speeding traffic on Shrewsbury Road as set out in Appendix CO60b.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To contact the Highways Department at Shropshire Council to request a site meeting at Shrewsbury Road, by the Pet Shop, to discuss the possibilities of improving the safety in the area.

13.C SHROPSHIRE TOGETHER CONFERENCE

Members considered nominating a representative to attend the Shropshire Together Conference on Friday 25 July 2025 as set out in Appendix CO61.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Groves proposed, Councillor Glover seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To nominate the Clerk and Mayor, Cllr Tim Manton, to attend the Shropshire Together Conference on Friday 25 July 2025.

14.C SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Payments documents were circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CO62 and C063.

The Mayor asked if any members had any questions they would like to ask.

Councillor Groves asked why a suit was purchased at a cost of £99.95 on 18 June 2025.

The Clerk said the suit was purchased for the Sexton to wear when he conducts the funerals at the cemetery.

Councillor Groves was happy with the Clerks answer.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Groves seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the payments from 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025.

15.C SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

i. The Mayor welcomed Councillor Tom Dainty to the meeting.

Councillor Dainty introduced himself to members as the recently elected Shropshire Councillor for the East and Rural division of Market Drayton.

He said it was an honour to have been elected to represent the third largest town within Shropshire.

He suggested inviting Shropshire Councillor Alex Wagner and David Minnery to a future Town Council meeting to discuss, in person, the proposals that Shropshire Council and Town Councils could work in partnership.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Tom Dainty for attending the meeting.

Councillor Tom Dainty left the Chamber.

ii. Members **NOTED** the written report from Councillor David Minnery as set out in Appendix CO64.
Members **NOTED** the written report from Councillor Jeremy Blandford which was circulated prior to the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.32 pm.

Chairman:

Date:

16-10-25

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