

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Council meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 11 July 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: R Aldcroft (Mayor), B. Chapman, M. Erwin, P. Glover, G. Groves, W. Love and T. Manton

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs. J.Beckett, T. Beckett, R. Hughes, A. Sanderson and I Nellins

In Attendance: 2 members of the public were present, and 0 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:

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| Councillor J. Beckett | - Prior Arrangement |
| Councillor T. Beckett | - Prior Arrangement |
| Councillor R. Hughes | - Prior Arrangement |
| Councillor A. Sanderson | - Work Commitments |
| Councillor I. Nellins | - Work Commitments |

2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. No Disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. There were no applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011 received.

3.C PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had expressed a wish to speak at the meeting.

4.C MINUTES

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

To adopt the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 9th May 2024.

5.C TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members **NOTED** the events attended:

| Date | Event | Who Attended |
|--------------|--|---------------------|
| 6 May 2024 | Royal Proclamation | Mayor |
| 22 May 2024 | Ludlow Mayor Making Ceremony | Deputy Mayor |
| 23 May 2024 | Telford & Wrekin's Mayor Making Ceremony | Mayor |
| 24 May 2024 | Presented £200 cheque to Longlands Primary School Farm | Mayor |
| 26 May 2024 | Service of Celebration of Mayoralty Shrewsbury | Mayor |
| 6 June 2024 | D-Day Lighting of the Beacon | Deputy Mayor |
| 9 June 2024 | D-Day Service | Deputy Mayor |
| 22 June 2024 | Friends Together Bake Off | Mayor |
| 23 June 2024 | Newport Town Mayors Civic Service | Mayor |

6.C COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with one abstention:

To agree the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

18 April 2024

9 May 2024

23 May 2024

13 June 2024

Councillor Ewin proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with two abstentions:

To agree the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 27 June 2024

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with one abstention:

To agree the minutes of the Services and Facilities Committee meeting held on 23 May 2024)

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with one abstention:

To agree the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13 June 2024.

7.C TOWERS LAWN PUBLIC TOILETS (TM)

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. To receive the notes from the Towers Lawn Toilet Working Group.

The notes were **NOTED**.

- ii. To resolve to obtain quotes for the production of building plans, a tender specification and to manage the tender process for the refurbishment of the toilet block.

Councillor Chapman said that during the planning stage consideration should be given to what facilities may be required in the spare space.

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

To obtain quotes for the production of building plans, a tender specification and to manage the tender process for the refurbishment of the toilet block.

To explore the option of having unisex toilets rather than designated male and female toilets.

8.C EXTREME TOUR

The Methodist Church would like to hold the Extreme Tour event in Market Drayton again this year.

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

To give permission for the Extreme Tour event to be held at the Skatepark on the evening of Saturday 31st August and at the Zone and Longlands Play area on the afternoon of Sunday 1st September.

To give permission for music to be played under the Town Councils Premises Licence.

9.C SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (SCHOOL STREETS INITIATIVE – VARIOUS ROADS, MARKET DRAYTON) (NO. 1) (EXPERIMENTAL PROHIBITION OF MOTORISED VEHICLES) ORDER 2024

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members considered the documentation relating to the Shropshire Council order.

Councillors expressed concern about the lack of suitable signage, the displacement of cars down surrounding streets and the increase in young children walking from school alone.

Members agreed that it is a good scheme, but that it has been poorly implemented.

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

To arrange a meeting with a representative from Shropshire Council to hear a presentation on the details of the School Street Initiative.

10.C PEZENAS VISIT (PG)

Councillor Glover said that he recently represented the Town Council on a visit to Pezenas. On the 19 June he attended the civic reception at the Town Hall in Pezenas, at which there were around 50 people in attendance. The Mayor welcomed members of the group and talked about opportunities for young people, cultural exchanges etc.

The Mayor was presented with a metal gingerbread man from the Pezenas Twinning Association and a picture of the Buttercross from the Town Council.

Members **NOTED** the verbal update on the recent Pezenas Twinning Association visit to Pezenas.

11.C REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

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

To appoint Councillors Aldcroft and Love as representatives on the Civic Society Relocation Committee.

12.C POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY 2024

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting. Members completed the survey individually; the responses were compiled into one response.

Members discussed the survey response and the fact that, for the second year, the Council are not happy with police performance in the town.

Members discussed the best course of action to take to ensure that the opinion of the Town Council is heard.

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

To submit the survey to the PCC and request a meeting with John Campion, the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss the Town Councils response.

13.C SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Aldcroft reported:

- Shropshire Council need to find savings of £62 million
- There have been 350 redundancies
- 20% of assistant directors have been made redundant
- Recycling centres will be closing one day per week
- Principle libraries may close one day per week; there will also be an increase in use of electronic systems to help reduce costs.
- Reports regarding ASB and other incidents should be made to the Police via 999 or 101 not on facebook or social media; without the reports any increase in crime will not be recorded.

14.C SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

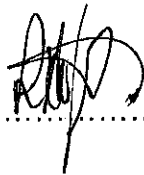
No questions were asked.

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

To agree the payments from 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024.

The meeting concluded at 20.24pm.

Chairman:



Date:

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