

**Market Drayton Town Council**

**Minutes of a Council meeting**

**held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 20 July 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R Aldcroft (Mayor), Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett,  
B. Chapman, M. Erwin, W. Love, T. Manton, and I. Nellins.

**ABSENT:** Councillors: M. Erwin, R. Hughes, and A. Sanderson.

**In Attendance:** 0 members of the public were present, and 4 members of the public listened to the meeting via Teams.

**Clerks:** Sue Thomas, Town Clerk

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

**1.C APOLOGIES**

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor M. Erwin           -       Prior arrangement  
Councillor R. Hughes       -       Prior arrangement

**2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The following interest was declared:

Councillor	Reason	Dispensation
Councillor Nellins	Committee member of the Market Drayton Royal British Legion.	To allow participation but not vote on all matters relating to Market Drayton Royal British Legion.

**3.C PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**4.C MINUTES**

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

**To adopt the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 11 May 2023**

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

To adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 29 June 2023

### 5.C TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members noted the events attended.

Date	Event	Attended By:
24 May 2023	Mayor Making Ceremony Ludlow	Deputy Mayor
25 May 2023	Mayor Making Ceremony Oakengates	Mayor
15 June 2023	RAF Annual Reception	Mayor
17 June 2023	Boules Lunch Pezenas Twinning Association	Mayor
25 June 2023	Newport Town Mayor's Civic Service	Deputy Mayor
2 July 2023	Mayors Sunday Service	Mayor

### 6.C COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### Planning Committee

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

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

20 April 2023

25 May 2023

15 June 2023

#### Community and Governance Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 29 June 2023

#### Services and Facilities Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Services and Facilities Committee meetings held on:

25 May 2023

8 June 2023

#### Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To agree the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15 June 2023.

### 7.C MARKET DRAYTON SPORT ASSOCIATION ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

Papers were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Chapman explained that quote A is based on testing 200 circuits; if there are more circuits the cost could increase by £10 per circuit. Quotes B & C are fixed prices.

He also said that Town Council are only facilitating the report, it will belong to Market Drayton Sports Association.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

**To accept quote A for £2,000 for testing 200 circuits and the production of an Electrical Installation Condition Report for Greenfields Sport Ground.**

### 8.C IN BLOOM COMPETITION

As a result of additional funds being allocated for competition prizes this year Councillors discussed increasing the budget by £300 to cover the cost of the presentation evening.

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

**To allocate £300 from Market Drayton in Bloom earmarked reserves towards the cost of the presentation evening.**

### 9.C LOCAL POLICING TOWN AND PARISH SURVEY

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillors were asked to complete the survey prior to the meeting; the responses were then compiled by the Clerk into one response.

Councillor Manton said the results did not give a very positive reflection of the Local Policing Team and he suggested that the survey results be sent to Inspector Greenaway.

Councillors J. Beckett and T. Beckett said they have had issues with their laptops, they requested time to complete the survey and for their answers to be added to the Town Council response.

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

**To send the Town Councils response once Councillors J. Beckett and T. Beckett have submitted their response to be included.**

A copy of the survey response to also be sent to Inspector Greenaway.

**10.C SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL'S REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2024 TO 2029**

Council **NOTED** the Shropshire Council's revised statement of licencing policy 2024 to 2029.

**11.C MARKET DRAYTON PEZANAS TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Councillors considered a request from the Market Drayton Pezanas Twinning Association to host a formal reception for visitors from Pezanas on the evening of either Saturday 30 September or Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

It was suggested that this event could be held on the same evening as the In Bloom presentation event and the presentation of the Honorary Townspeople Awards.

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

**To host a formal reception for the visitors from Pezanas on the evening of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September or Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

**To allocate a budget of £300 for the event from the Civic Hospitality Budget.**

**12.C BRITISH LEGION FREEDOM PARADE**

Councillor Nellins said that following the Town Council awarding the Freedom of the Town to the Market Drayton Branch of the British Legion a Freedom Parade is being organised. He asked Councillors to consider allocating funding towards the cost of organising the British Legion Freedom Parade, in particular to pay for a walking band.

Councillors agreed that a parade brings people to the town and that advertising of the event is important.

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

**To allocate £500 from Kings Coronation/Events earmarked reserves towards the cost of organising the British Legion Freedom Parade.**

Councillor Nellins did not vote on this item.

**13.C SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councillors **NOTED** the Shropshire Council report circulated by Councillor Aldcroft prior to the meeting.

Councillor Nellins said the roadworks on the A53 and A41 will cause some disruption. Improvements to the Town Bus Service are progressing and information has been received from Lakeside about how many people travel on the Saturday Town Bus.

**14.C SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

Papers were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor J. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To agree the payments from 1 April to 30 June 2023.**

**15.C INFORMATION**

The following information was NOTED:

- i. The first councillor market stall took place on Wednesday 12 June 2023. There were several issues raised; most of which were forwarded to Shropshire Council. The next Councillor market stall is on 13 September 2023.
- ii. The judging for the In Bloom competition will be on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**16.C EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PRESS**

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

**that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they are instructed to withdraw.**

**17.C HONORARY TOWNSPERSON AWARDS**

Papers were circulated prior to the meeting.

After a short discussion,

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

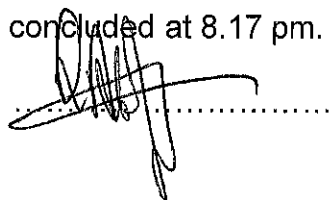
**To award an Honorary Townsperson Award to George Bratton.**

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

**To award an Honorary Townsperson Award to Hazel Haskin**

The meeting concluded at 8.17 pm.

Chairman: .....



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