

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Council meeting

held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 21 April 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, M. Erwin, R. Hughes, T. Manton, N. Roberts, and M. Whittle (Deputy Mayor).

ABSENT: Councillors R. Aldcroft, A. Allen, B. Chapman, G. Chevins, I. Nellins.

In attendance: 4 members of the public present and 4 members listening via Teams.

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

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

1.C APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Aldcroft	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor Allen	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor Chapman	-	Personnel Matter
Councillor Chevins	-	Illness
Councillor Nellins	-	Prior Arrangement

2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

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 Hughes seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To adopt the minutes of a Council meeting held on 14 December 2021 and 13 January 2022.

5.C TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the absence of the Town Mayor the announcements will be made at a later date.

6.C COMMITTEE MINUTES**Planning Committee**

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

To agree the minutes of the Planning Committee held on:
 13 January 2022 27 January 2022 24 February 2022
 24 March 2022 7 April 2022

Community & Governance Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Community & Governance Committee held on:
 24 February 2022 7 April 2022

Services & Facilities Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Services & Facilities Committee held on:
 27 January 2022 10 March 2022

Finance & General Purposes Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on:
 10 February 2022 24 March 2022

7.C EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Erwin 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.

Four members of the public left the Chamber.

8.C COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting and the Deputy Mayor read out the relevant section of the co-option policy.

There were four candidates for the councillor vacancy. Each candidate returned to the chamber in turn and gave a presentation about themselves and explained why they would like to become a councillor.

Once all the candidates had spoken members discussed each one in turn.

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

To co-opt Nicholas Roberts as a Councillor to fill the existing vacancy.

The Clerk left the Chamber to inform the successful candidate.

Nicholas Roberts accepted the position and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Clerk and Councillor Roberts entered the Chamber and joined the meeting.

Members congratulated Councillor Roberts and welcomed him to the meeting.

The meeting went back into Standing Orders.

9.C TOWN PARK

- i) Members considered a request from St Johns Ambulance to plant a tree on the Town Park to celebrate the Year of Youth; Cadets being 100 years old and Badgers 35 years old and in memory of one of stalwart members, Alan Sheel who passed away last year.

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

To agree to St. Johns Ambulance planting a cherry tree behind the orchid in the Town Park.

- ii) Members considered a request from Market Drayton Carnival Committee to use the town park for a fun day event on Saturday 27th August 2022 to run alongside the carnival and street market. The event would include some live music, children's games & stalls, small fairground rides, children's entertainment, food vendors etc.

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

To support Market Drayton Carnival Committee and allow them to use the Town Park for a fun day on Saturday 27 August 2022 subject to:

- **Providing copies of their risk assessment and insurance prior to the event**
- **obtaining all the necessary licences required for the event to take place.**

10.C IN BLOOM

The Town Council has increased the number of hanging baskets available to be placed outside local shops from 28 to 53, these will be put up in June 2022.

Shops have been charged a £20 watering fee for each hanging basket, with the exception of the last two years when during the Covid pandemic Council covered the fee.

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

To agree to charge shops a £20 watering fee for this financial year.

11.C INDOOR MARKET

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

To set up a Working Group to work with Shropshire Council and LSD to improve the indoor market and street market.

Members on the Working Group:

Councillors: R. Hughes, The Mayor, T. Manton, N. Roberts, and any member that is not at the meeting tonight wishing to be a part of the group.

12.C FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

There were no questions asked.

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

To agree the income and expenditure report from 1 March 2022 – 31 March 2022.

13.C SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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


There were no questions asked.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the RFO for all her hard work.

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

To agree the payments from 1 January 2022 – 31 March 2022.

The meeting concluded at 8.52 pm.

Chairman: 

Date: 