

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Council meeting

held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 30 June 2022 at 7.32pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, A. Allen, B. Chapman, M. Erwin, R. Hughes, T. Manton, I. Nellins, N. Roberts, and M. Whittle (Mayor).

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, and G. Chevins.

In attendance: 2 members of the public present and 3 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 J. Beckett	-	illness
Councillor T. Beckett	-	illness
Councillor Chevins	-	Work commitments

2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

3.C PUBLIC SESSION

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

To suspend standing Orders for up to fifteen minutes to allow a member of the public to speak.

A member of the public raised concerns about the behaviour by some Councillors at a previous meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the decision taken at that meeting to defer the large grants agenda item until the next meeting.

Members **NOTED** the resident's comments.

The meeting went back into Standing Orders.

4.C MINUTES

Councillor Chapman said that a representative has not been appointed to the Pezanas Twinning Association under Item 10.C on 12 May 2022.

The Mayor said an agenda item would be put on the next appropriate committee meeting.

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

To adopt the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 12 May 2022.

Councillor Allen proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 16 June 2022.

5.C TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members **NOTED** the Following Mayors events he has attended:

Date	Event
15 May 2022	Shrewsbury Mayors Service and Nomad Wine opening
25 May 2022	Ludlow Mayor Making Ceremony
27 May 2022	Opening of Taylor & Chess, Rotary Club Charter Celebration
1 June 2022	Visit to Woodcroft, Jubilee Celebration at Corbet Court and an Event at the Library.
2 June 2022	Jubilee Event Church Street
4 June 2022	Jubilee Mass St Mary's Church
5 June 2022	Methodist Church Street Party and Jubilee Lunch Market Drayton Scouts
7 June 2022	Senior Citizens Forum Jubilee Tea Party
8 June 2022	Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire Garden Party
11 June 2022	Opening of Dourish & Day, Arts Fest at The Grove School, Commemoration & Memorial Service and Artisan Market
12 June 2022	Mayors Sunday Service Ludlow
18 June 2022	Commemoration Dinner
20 June 2022	Service at St. Mary's Church

6.C COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Planning Committee held on:

21 April 2022 12 May 2022 26 May 2022 16 June 2022.

Services & Facilities Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Services & Facilities Committee held on:

26 May 2022.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

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

To agree the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on: 16 June 2022.

7.C MARKET DRAYTON MESSENGER

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To suspend standing Orders for up to fifteen minutes to allow Hamish Armitage, the producer of The Messenger to speak.

Mr Armitage explained to members that he, trading as Drayton Works, has been publishing The Messenger for the last nine years. During this time, he has thoroughly enjoyed working on the magazine, but he would now like to step back and eventually retire.

The Town Council pay Drayton Works a contribution towards the production of the magazine. Mr Armitage said he would like the Town Council to agree that production and the financial responsibility for the messenger be transferred from Drayton Works to Market Drayton Traders Association.

Mr Armitage explained that representatives from Market Drayton Traders Association have been involved with the production of the last few editions and that going forward he would still be overlooking and guiding them closely until such time he was confident they could produce it on their own.

Members formally thanked Hamish for all his hard work in producing The Messenger over the years.

The meeting went back into Standing Orders.

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

To agree to the transfer of the production and payment to produce The Messenger, from Drayton Works to Market Drayton Traders Association.

8.C ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To agree a request from Market Drayton Traders Association to use the Town Council Premises Licence to cover live music under The Buttercross from 9am to 10pm on Saturday 27 August 2022.

9.C FOOD POVERTY

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To NOTE:

- **the open letter written by Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance about the cost of living and the need for Government intervention.**
- **Not to action the letter.**

10.C SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

Councillor Aldcroft reported:

- Shropshire Health Authority and The Wrekin authority will be combining forces from tomorrow; they are now called The Integrated Care Bureau.
- It has been proposed that the mobile breast screening treatment unit, which regularly comes to the Medical Practice, be permanently based at Telford hospital. Concerns have already been raised about the change due to the large number of patients accessing the service and it has been highlighted that due to the lack of public transport some patients will not be able to travel to Telford. A meeting has been organised to discuss the issue; Councillor Aldcroft to report back to committee.

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

To write a letter to Shrewsbury and Telford Trust expressing Town Councils concerns and indignation on stopping the mobile breast screening treatment unit coming to Market Drayton.

- LED replacement lighting to Shropshire Councils property is slowly being rolled out; all work is committed to be complete by 2024.
- The A51 main road through Woore will be closed between 18-24 July for approximately six days to have a sewer pipe put into the new development.

Councillor Nellins reported:

- The Future Connectivity Plan Consultation was held last month, it was well attended and went very well; the results will now be reviewed by WSP and it is hoped funding will be secured to improve the town.
- City Signs have conducted the Local Cycling/Walking Infrastructure Plan recently; he was hopeful something good will come from it for the town.

- EV chargers are being rolled out across the county; Market Drayton has three chargers on Queen Street car park; these will be connected this month. A bid for a further three hundred EV charger's points have been submitted, if successful more towns will have points fitted.
- Shropshire Council are conducting a trial with Pave Cross, a channel across the footpath to the parking space for people who have an electric vehicle with no off-road parking. He urged people in this position to contact him.
- Market Drayton residents should receive their purple lidded recycling bins by the beginning of August.
- The recent funding bid to improve public transport was unsuccessful; other bids are being processed and it is being vocalised on our behalf how unhappy Shropshire Council are with how the funding was awarded.
- Highways issues regarding the potholes and road marking are being addressed,
- There have been some issues raised recently about unsafe buildings within the town; Shropshire Council are not responsible for carrying out the repair work, they can however serve notice on owners to make buildings safe; recently a legal notice was serviced to the owner of a shop in Stafford Street.
- The Shropshire Council Local Bus, which parks outside the Town Hall once a month, has been very well used by residents
- Market Drayton Community Enterprise are organising a Go Greener Event on Wednesday 13 July at The Festival Drayton Centre and urged people to attend.

11.C SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Mayor asked if members would like to ask any questions; There were no questions asked.

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

To agree the payments from 1 April 2022 – 31 May 2022.

12.C UPDATES

Members **NOTED** a meeting of the Market Working Group has been arranged for 6 July 2022.

The meeting concluded AT 8.25 pm.

Chairman:



Date:

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