

## Market Drayton Town Council

### Minutes of an Extraordinary Community and Governance Committee Meeting held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 27 July 2023 at 8.17 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R. Aldcroft, B. Chapman, G.Groves, W. Love, T. Manton, I. Nellins (Chairman) and A. Sanderson.

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, M. Erwin, and R. Hughes.

In attendance: 4 members of the public present and 2 members of the public listening via Teams.

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

#### 1.CG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apology:

Councillor Mrs. J. Beckett	-	Prior arrangement
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Prior arrangement
Councillor R. Hughes	-	Prior arrangement

#### 2.CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

#### 3.CG SATURDAY BUS SERVICE (IN)

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members considered a trial initiative to provide free travel for passengers on the Saturday town bus service.

The Chairman said the trial would encourage residents to use local transport, reduce car travel and increase the footfall within the town centre.

Members discussed the average user figures and costings, it was highlighted that these would increase if the initiative was successful and encouraged more users.

Councillor Chapman said it would be a good idea to run the bus on a Wednesday instead of a Saturday to encourage people to the market.

The Chairman said the majority of people who use the bus on a Wednesday are of a certain age with a bus pass, providing a free bus on a Saturday bus would encourage residents of all different ages to use the service. He said user figures could be obtained for Wednesdays and the option of subsidising the Wednesday service could be discussed at a later date.

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Councillor Groves said a free service on a Wednesday has previously been done a number of years ago; it worked for a while then the number of users declined; He said the trial needs to be advertised well.

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

**To agree to subsidising a trial initiative to provide free travel for passengers on the Saturday town bus service starting mid-August until 31 March 2024 at a cost of approximately £1,980.**

**To be funded from the Community and Governance Budget.**

**4.CG THREE PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STATUTORY (REG 16) CONSULTATION**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

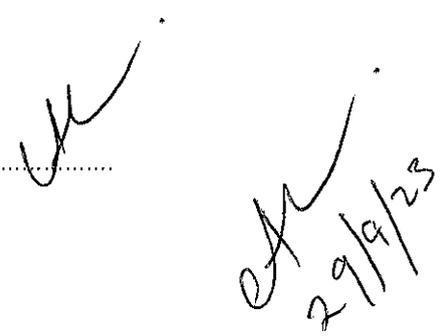
**To NOTE the Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Statutory (Reg 16) Consultation.**

The meeting concluded at 8.27 p.m.

Chairman



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