

Market Drayton Town Council**Minutes of a meeting of an Extraordinary Services and Facilities Committee held on
2 December 2021 at 7.23pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, A. Allen, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman, G. Chevins, M. Erwin, R. Hughes, T. Manton, I. Nellins, M. Smith, and M Whittle (Chairman).

In attendance: 2 members of the public present and 5 members of the public listening via Teams.

Clerks: Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

1.SF APOLOGIES

All members were present at the meeting.

2.SF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

3.SF BUDGET

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman asked if members had any questions, they would like to ask about the proposed budget for 2022/2023.

Councillor Erwin said he is aware of all utilities being increased and asked if there is enough in budget for this.

The Chairman said the utilities budget have been increased by fifteen percent which should cover all costs.

There were no more questions asked.

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

To agree the budget for the Services and Facilities Committee for the financial year 2022/23 to be:

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| Cost Centre | Description | £ Budget 2022/23 |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 101 | Street Lighting | 19,800 |
| 103 | Recreation Grounds | 66,220 |
| 104 | Amenity Areas | 6,750 |
| 105 | CCTV running costs | 2,060 |
| 107 | In Bloom | 7,500 |
| 111 | Cemetery | 40,822 |
| 112 | Public Toilets | 24,800 |
| 113 | Christmas Lighting | 15,075 |
| 150 | Services & Facilities | 150,300 |
| Total £ | | 333,327 |

4.SF NEWPORT ROAD TOILETS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman said Newport Road toilet is currently closed due to the door being vandalised again. He asked members to consider the possibility of repairing the door or installing a new door. He said if a new door was installed it could have a locking timer and/or a radar key lock. Initial conversations with the Insurance company indicate Council could claim for the cost of a new door.

The Clerk said the quote from the locksmith states he cannot guarantee that the door can be fixed as it has been bent; if members decide this option, they need to bear in mind that if the door cannot be repaired there may be additional costs in making the building secure.

Councillor Smith said the door should have a radar key facility to ensure disabled people can access the toilets. He asked if other toilets have a radar key facility.

The Clerk said Newport Road toilet is free, so does not have a radar key. The Council has two other toilet blocks with a radar key facility. The disabled toilet at Towers Lawn can be accessed via a radar key outside of normal opening hours.

Councillor Aldcroft said Council has spent a lot of money on vandal proofing these toilets, they need to be kept secure or be permanently closed.

Councillor Chevins asked what time the toilet is currently closed and how often is it used.

The Chairman said the public toilets are open from 08.00 until 18.00; due to the vandalism in the past a decision was taken to close Newport Road toilet at 15.30, they are currently closed until a decision on the door is made.

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Councillor Chapman said a decision on the future of these toilets needs to be made; is Council going to continue with the lease or should they be handed back to Shropshire Council.

Councillor Hughes said there would be no chance of handing the toilet block back to Shropshire Council; it was inherited from North Shropshire District Council so the door will need to be replaced.

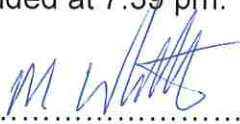
Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To go ahead and purchase a new toilet door with a lockable timer system facility for Newport Road public toilet.

Councillor Aldcroft requested this item to go to a future committee meeting to discuss further.

The meeting concluded at 7.39 pm.

Chairman:


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Date:


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