

## Market Drayton Town Council

### Minutes of an Extraordinary Community and Governance Committee Meeting held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 25 July 2024 at 7.15 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: B. Chapman, M. Erwin P. Glover, R Hughes, W. Love  
T. Manton, I. Nellins, and A. Sanderson (Chairman).

**ABSENT:** Councillors: R Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett and G. Groves.

In attendance: 0 members of the public and 4 members of the public listening via Teams

**Clerk:** Sue Thomas, Town Clerk.

#### 1.CG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Cllr R. Aldcroft	-	prior arrangement
Cllr Mrs. J Beckett	-	prior arrangement
Cllr T. Beckett	-	prior arrangement
Cllr G. Groves	-	prior arrangement

#### 2.CG DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS

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

#### 3.CG CARPARKING CHARGES

To consider and respond to the Shropshire Council Carpark Charges 2024 consultation.

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the proposed carparking charges.

Councillor Manton read out the statement of reason; he said this is a money making exercise which will discourage people visiting the town. The introduction of a Sunday parking charge will have a negative impact.

Councillor Sanderson said increasing carparking charges for thriving communities is great, for Market Drayton, a struggling market town it is not appropriate, these increases could be a death blow for the town.

Councillor Nellins said that he has asked Shropshire Council about the income from Towers Lawn 1 and 2 carparks: both run at a loss of approximately 7K and 3K respectively. Unfortunately, the reality is that carparks cost money to run.

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Councillor Chapman said the percentage increases are between 16% and 61%. The additional charges from 6pm – 10pm will have a negative effect on the Festival Drayton Centre.

After a further discussion:

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

- To object to the increase in carparking charges in Market Drayton due to the negative effect it will have on the town; in particular the introduction of the evening parking charge on Frogmore Road car park from 6pm – 10pm which will affect the Festival Drayton Centre.
- To request a dispensation for the evening parking charge on Frogmore Road car park.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman .....  .....

Date ..... 19.9.24 .....

