

Market Drayton Town Council**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting held on
2 December 2021 at 7.40 pm.**

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

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

Clerks: Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

1. CG APOLOGIES

All members were present at the meeting.

2. CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

3. CG PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had expressed a wish to speak at the meeting.

4. CG MINUTES

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

To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 21 October 2021.

5. CG THE MARKET DRAYTON MESSENGER

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman said Council currently pay for the production of four editions of The Messenger each year at a cost of £8,500; the Clerk has met with the editor and discussed reducing the number of editions to three per year to fall in line with events in March, June, and October and the possibility of making future editions digital.

The editor would continue to manage The Messenger but Town Council would organise the distribution by Royal Mail.

The Chairman asked if members had any questions.

Councillor Whittle said The Messenger is extremely informative for residents within the town and surrounding villages.

Councillor Hughes said it needs to remain in a paper format because some people do not have access or are able to use the internet.

Councillor T. Beckett said it would be a good to have three editions of The Messenger to be delivered to residents and the fourth edition electronic.

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

- **To reduce The Drayton Messenger from four editions to three issues per year in March, June, and October and one digital addition per year.**
- **For Town Council to organise the distribution of The Messenger by Royal Mail.**
- **To review the future process of The Messenger in the new year.**
- **To reduce the 2022/2023 budget for The Messenger to be £7,000.**

6.CG BUDGET 2022/23

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions members would like to ask.

No questions were asked.

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

To agree the budget for the Community and Governance Committee for the financial year 2022/23 to be:

Cost Centre 301	Description	£ Budget 2022/23
4323	Community & Governance	5,000
4325	Drayton Messenger	7,000
4326	Events	0
4017 (New)	Police Panel	2,500
Total £		14,500

7.CG WALKMILL MEADOW

The Chairman said he has recently attended a meeting with Shaun Burkey, Shropshire Council who is responsible for outside areas and representatives from the Friends of Walkmill Meadows Group; funding has been organised to clean up the car park area and Councillor Manton has organised for some signage for the area.

Councillor Aldcroft said Shropshire Council has given three and a half thousand daffodil bulbs which have been planted in the area, four brown signs have also been installed in the surrounding area to direct people to Walkmill Meadows.



8.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

The Chairman said due to currently being in purdah Shropshire Council updates will be put on hold for this meeting.

9.CG REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from outside bodies.

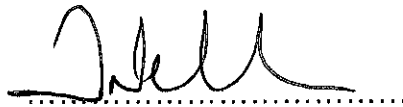
10.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates/information:

- Boundary Review – No further action has been taken. SALC in conjunction with Democratic Services at Shropshire Council are producing a briefing note setting out how to progress with the Governance reviews.
- Carbon Literacy Training – Councillors Aldcroft, Chevins and Manton plus the Clerk will be attending the course in 2022
- Traffic Issues – the list of issues has been forwarded to Shropshire Council
- Town Maps and Leaflets – currently on hold pending more information from the CIC on maps they are producing.
- Noticeboards – A planning permission application has been submitted, awaiting a response.

The meeting concluded at 8.24 p.m.

Chairman



Date

24 Feb 22