

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 13 November 2025 at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Adcock, R. Aldcroft, J. Blandford, A. Cartwright,
P. Glover, G. Groves, R. Hughes, T. Manton and I. Sharp.

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, I. Nellins

In attendance: 1 member of the public was present and 1 member of the public listening via
Teams.

Clerks: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk

1.CG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Mrs J Beckett	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor I. Nellins	-	Prior Arrangement

2.CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

3.CG PUBLIC SESSION

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

4.CG MINUTES

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

To approve the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 18 September 2025.

5.CG LIBRARY PROVISION

Shropshire Councillor, James Owen, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Leisure explained that Shropshire Council are looking to save money and are exploring if there is an appetite from town and parish to be involved with the running of the libraries and how it is provided. He said that conversations have already taken place with staff as to how saving could be identified.


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He said that he understands that there are different expectations within the county regarding the services provided with the towns and parishes, he asked what the town council would like the library to look like in the future.

Members discussed the importance of the library to the town, in particular the various activities that take place there.

As a large percentage of users are from outside of the town; Councillor Owen said the surrounding parishes will also be approached regarding future service provision and funding. Conversations are starting with towns where the main 6 libraries are located.

A discussion took place regarding the mobile libraries, it was suggested that a lot of the mobile library users also use the main libraries and that saving could be made from the mobile libraries.

Councillor Owen said that mobile libraries are being looked at; the current users deserve a service.

Councillor Owen said that before any changes are implemented there has to be a public consultation.

Councillor Owen was thanked for attending the meeting.

Councillor Owen left the council chamber.

6.CG TOWN CENTRE MONTHLY REPORT

Members **NOTED** the town centre monthly reports for September as set out in Appendix CG119.

7.CG SATURDAY BUS SERVICE

- i. Members **NOTED** the updated report on the Saturday town centre bus service as set out in Appendix CG120.
- ii. To consider funding the free bus service for the financial year 2026/27.
- iii. To consider increasing the budget from £6,500 to £6,600.

Items 7.ii and 7.iii were considered together.

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

- ii. **To fund the free Saturday bus service for the financial year 2026/27**
- iv. **To increase the budget to £6,600 for the financial year 2026/27**

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8.CG VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

Members **NOTED** the data reports from the Shrewsbury Road and Newcastle Road as set out in Appendix CG121.

9.CG TOWN ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

i. Members **NOTED** the notes from the Town Action Plan Working Group held on 13 October 2025 and 3 November 2025, as set out in Appendix CG122.

ii. To consider the working groups recommendations.

a. Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Glover seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

- To continue with Digital on Line Branding to support Make it Market Drayton for another 12 months as per the project plan/quote.
- To include a budget of £20,000 in next year's accounts.

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

To contract JDL Family Markets to organise a family event on 2 May 2026.

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

To reduce the Visit Shropshire Membership from Premium to Standard at a cost of £1,500 as set out in Appendix CG124.

10.CG DRAFT COMMUNITY AND GOVERNANCE BUDGET 2026/27

To consider the Draft Community and Governance Budget for 2026/27 as set out in Appendix CG125.

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

To approve the draft Community and Governance Budget for 2026/27 of £ 92,100

11.CG CORRESPONDENCE

i. To consider the response from the Canal and River Trust regarding the closing of the canal side refuse collection area at Betton Mill.

Initials 

Councillor Manton said he was disappointed that the Canal and Rivers Trust had not carried out any consultation before closing the site. It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a meeting with the Canal and Rivers Trust, Councillors and members of the Canal Volunteer Group.

- ii. To consider a request from the Rotary for the Mayor to be an honorary member of the Rotary for his term of office.
After a short discussion:

Councillor Blandford proposed, Councillor Sharp seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To nominate the Mayor as an honorary member of the Rotary for his term of office.

- iii. Members **NOTED** the Youth Offer and Community Profiling Report 2025 as set out in Appendix CG128.
- iv. Members **NOTED** the Local Youth Transformational Pilot Youth Service Review Final Report as set out in Appendix CG129.

12.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

To hear any verbal reports from Councillors sitting on outside organisations.

No verbal reports were received.

Members **NOTED** the following written reports:

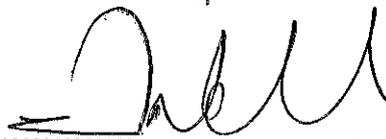
- i. Helicopter Liaison Group Newsletter, as set out in Appendix CG130.
- ii. Grove School Community Steering group as set out in Appendix CG131.
- iii. Market Drayton Community Covenant otherwise known as the Community Power Act as set out in CG131
- iv. Active Market Drayton as set out in See Appendix CG131.
- v. North Shropshire Area Committee as set out in See Appendix CG132.

13.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** that The Honorary Townsperson Awards were presented at the In Bloom presentation evening; the evening was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The meeting concluded at 8.08pm

Chairman:



Date:

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