

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 14 July 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman, M. Erwin (Chairman), and T. Manton.

ABSENT: Councillors A. Allen, G. Chevins, R. Hughes, I. Nellins, N. Roberts and M. Whittle.

In attendance: 8 members of the public present and 7 members of the public listening via Teams.

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

1. CG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Allen	-	Work commitments
Councillor Hughes	-	Poorly
Councillor Nellins	-	Prior arrangement
Councillor Roberts	-	Work commitments
Councillor Whittle	-	Work commitments

2. CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

3. CG PUBLIC SESSION

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

To suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak at the meeting.

The member of the public spoke about her concerns that the play area at Chancel Drive is being sold at auction on 28 July 2022. She said the park is extremely well used by families from within the town and asked if the Town Council could purchase it to stop potential development of the land and ensure it remains a play area.

The Chairman thanked the resident for attending the meeting and for her comments. He explained that a meeting has just taken place about Chancel Drive Park Play area and that Town Council are liaising with Shropshire Council regarding the sale; further information will be released as and when Town Council has it.

One member of the public left the Chamber.

The meeting went back into Committee.

4.CG MINUTES

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

To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 7 April 2022.

5.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL FUTURE CONNECTIVITY

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

To suspend Standing Orders to allow Ffion Horton, Service Development Programme Manager from Shropshire to give a presentation on the recent Future Connectivity Consultation.

Ffion Horton explained that a public consultation with the community on a number of transport, public space and connectivity proposals for Market Drayton has taken place. Proposals included new walking and cycling circuit, improvement to bus routing and road safety improvements schemes which have been prepared following extensive data analysis, site assessments and engagement with council officers and local councillors.

She said attendance at the public event and responses to the consultation was very impressive; the event at the town hall was well attended and it was good to hear resident's points of view. All the information gathered will be collated and pooled together to bid for funding to implement some of the schemes.

Members explained their concerns that the town is not connected to surrounding areas and priorities need to be made to ensure residents can visit surrounding towns including hospitals.

The Chairman thanked Ffion Horton for attending the meeting.

Ffion and four members of the public left the Chamber.

The meeting went back into Committee.

6.CG POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S TOWN AND PARISH SURVEY

The survey has been distributed prior to the meeting.

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

That each individual councillor completes the Police and crime commissioner's town and parish survey and return it to the Clerk.

The Clerk to collate and submit a survey response on behalf of the Town Council.

7.CG PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members **NOTED** the letter from Grant Shapps, Transport Secretary regarding the allocation of the Bus Back Better funding.

8.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL STREET TRADING POLICY CONSULTATION

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members **NOTED** Shropshire Council Street Trading Policy Consultation.

9.CG CLIMATE EMERGENCY

In the absence of Councillor Nellins, Councillor Aldcroft read out a report from Councillor Nellins;

The report said that Town Council has been taking steps towards committing to achieving Carbon Net Zero but as yet has not formally declared a Climate Emergency. During the past 12 months the Town Council has:

- Had 4 x Councillors and the Town Clerk complete Carbon Literacy Training.
- Completed infrastructure projects to improve the energy efficiency of the Town Hall.
- Gone paperless on Council Agendas and other publications.
- Supported biodiversity work at Walkmill Meadows
- Installed LED to Town Councils streetlights

Market Drayton Town Council must now formally declare a Climate Emergency, and work to a plan to achieve carbon net zero on council activities by 2030 (in line with Shropshire Council).

In order to achieve this the Council must work to an Action Plan and co-operate with local groups.

A draft action plan was circulated with the agenda for members to consider.

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Council Erwin seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

- **To declare a Climate Emergency;**

- To commit to achieving Carbon Net Zero by 2030, by adopting the Action Plan;
- To work closely with MDCA, MDCE and residents in order to strongly influence our business', community groups and all residents to take action to greatly reduce their Carbon Footprints;
- For Climate Change Updates to be on the agenda of all Community and Governance Meetings.

10.CG POLICE PANEL

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To receive the notes from the Policing Panel Meeting held on 28 April 2022 and 13 June 2022.

11.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

- i) Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

For Councillor Whittle, the Mayor to be a representative to the Pezanas Twinning Association.

- ii) There were no verbal reports received from Councillors sitting on outside organisations.

12.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION

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

- i. Vehicle Activated Signs – a grant of £1,000 has been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner towards the purchase of two VAS. We are waiting for the poles to be checked/installed by Shropshire Council before ordering the signs.
- ii. Platinum Jubilee – the event was very successful. The cost for the event was £2,424.53 and a total of £458.35 was raised and paid to the Disaster Emergency Committee
- iii. Noticeboards – one noticeboard has been installed along the canal. The second one will be installed soon.

The meeting concluded at 8.12 p.m.

Chairman

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Date

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