

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 16 November 2023 at 7.30 pm.**

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

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs. J Beckett & T. Beckett

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

Clerks: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk

1.CG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apology:

Councillor Mrs. J Beckett	-	Work Commitments
Councillor T Beckett	-	Prior appointment

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 to speak.


4.CG MINUTES

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 3 abstentions:

To approve the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 21st September 2023.

5.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCILS DOG FOULING AND STRAY DOGS PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSP0) CONSULTATION

The Chair said Shropshire Council are consulting on the implementation of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the prevention of dog fouling and the collection and disposal of dog waste by dog owners. A breach of the PSPO can be dealt with through the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice by Shropshire Council wardens.


Initial:

Councillors raised concerns about the effectiveness of penalty notices as the warden will have to provide evidence that the owner was not going to pick up the dog fouling to be able to issue the notice.

It was highlighted that if the Public Space Protection Order is not in place, it cannot be enforced.

After a short discussion,

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

Councillor Nellins to complete the consultation document on behalf of the Town Council supporting the implementation of the Shropshire Councils Dog Fouling and Stray Dogs Public Space Protection Order.

6.CG THE MESSENGER WORKING GROUP

Members received the notes from the Messenger Working Group meeting held on the 2 November 2023.

It was agreed that The Messenger has been a good publication in the past; it no longer provides the service it has, therefore, other methods of promoting the town should be considered.

Members discussed the recommendations set out in the notes and after a short discussion,

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Sanderson Seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

- i. To stop the production of the Market Drayton Messenger.**
- ii. The Messenger Working Group and the Visit Shropshire Working group to be merged to become the Town Council Communication and Town Promotion Working Group.**
- iii. That money is allocated for Town Council Communication and Town Promotion.**
- iv. That the underspend in The Drayton Messenger budget be moved to earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year for Town Council Communication and Town Promotion projects.**

7.CG BIN STORAGE (RH)

Councillor Hughes said that the euro bins by the market entrance are not attractive, the first thing you see when you approach the indoor market is the bins. The bins contain cardboard and other materials that should be recycled and not left as a fire hazard.

Time and money are being spent improving the market, the bins need to be moved to make the area look better.

Shropshire Council have been written to regarding the issue, but no action seems to have been taken.

Councillors also referred to the bins at the back of Rodenhurst Flats, which are an eyesore.

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

To write to the Head of Estates at Shropshire Council to request the bins are removed.

To write to the Housing Association to request the resident's bins are not left on Arlon Square.

8.CG BUDGET 2024/25

Members discussed the draft budget. As it was resolved to stop the production of the messenger the £8,000 allocated was removed from budget.

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

The following draft Community and Governance budget for 2024/25 be presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 14 December 2023.

Cost Centre 301	Description	Draft Budget 2024/5
4017	Police Panel	1,500
4322	Community Support and Events	5,000
4323	Community & Governance	5,000
4325	Drayton Messenger	0
4326	Citizens Advice Bureau	6,000
4968	Public Transport	6,000
4969	Communications and Promotion	4,000
	Total	£27,500

9.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

Pezanas Twinning Committee – Councillor Chapman reported that the group will be visiting Pezanas next year and may request funding towards purchasing a gift from the town.

Greenfields – The tender opportunity has been advertised and two site visits have taken place. The Working Group will consider the tenders then meet with

representatives from Market Drayton Sports Association to discuss the options. A recommendation will be brought to Council to consider.

10.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- i. Building condition inspections – the first half day of inspections has been completed, another half day of inspections will take place within the next couple of weeks. An audit of the fingerposts is also being completed.
- ii. Councillor market stall – please let the clerk know if you are available to help man the market stall on Wednesday 6 December.

11.CG EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PRESS

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

that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting, and they are instructed to withdraw.

12.CG MARKETS DRAYTON MARKET

- i. Market Working Group
Members received the notes from the Market Working Group held on 6 October 2023.
- ii. Market Strategy and Action Plan
Members considered funding the production of a Strategy and Action Plan for the market.

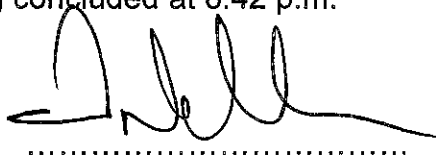
After an in-depth discussion:

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 3 abstentions and one against:

To appoint The Retail Group to produce a Strategic Review and Action Plan at a cost of £13,950. Funding to be taken from General Reserves.

The meeting concluded at 8.42 p.m.

Chairman



Date

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