Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting Held in The Council Chamber, 18 Frogmore Road, Market Drayton on Thursday 17 September 2026 at 7.35 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Adcock, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, P. Glover, G. Groves, T. Manton, I. Nellins (Chairman), and I. Sharp.

ABSENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, J. Blandford, A. Cartwright, and R. Hughes.

In attendance: 0 members of the public were present and 2 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:

Counmcillor. J. Blandford	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor A. Cartwright	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor R. Hughes	-	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** with 1 abstention:

To approve the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 2 July 2026.

5.CG MAKING TRAINING MANDATORY FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Information regarding the campaign pack was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG070.

After a brief discussion:

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

i. **To pass a supporting resolution – Record our commitment to mandatory training.**
ii. **Write to our MP – using the template in the pack.**
iii. **Inform our County Association – Letting the group know we have written so they can demonstrate collective impact.**
iv. **Promote best practice – Show our commitment to professionalism locally.**

6.CG POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS TOWN AND PARISH COUUNCIL SURVEY 2026

Members considered to respond to the 2026 survey as set out in Appendix CG071.

Members collectively said in previous years the surveys have been filled out but no feedback has ever been received; completing it again this year would be a waste of time.

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

To respond to the Police and Crime Commissioners informing them that Market Drayton Town Council will not be completing the Town and Parish Council 2026 survey because no feedback is ever been received.

7.CG TOWN CENTRE MONTHLY REPORT

The town centre monthly reports for June and July 2026 were circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG072.

Members discussed the monthly reports, they agreed the statistics are not easy to compare with previous months. The footfall has increased from last year; this could be due to increased visitors now the town holds Coach Friendly Status.

Members **NOTED** the Town Centre monthly report for June and July 2026.

8.CG WORKING GROUPS

Working Group notes were circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG073 and CG074.

After a brief discussion:

Councillors **NOTED** the following Working Group notes:

i. Town Centre Action Plan Working Group notes from the meeting held on 26 August 2026.

ii. Climate Action Working Group notes from the meeting held on 21 July 2026.

9.CG POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

The Police Partnership notes from the meeting were circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG075.

Councillor Manton said he has had an increase of police issues being brought to his attention from residents and would like to see more meetings scheduled with the police so that these issues can be actioned.

Members **NOTED** the Police Partnership notes from the meeting held on 26 August 2026.

10.CG OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

Members discussed the written reports from Councillors sitting on outside organisation's as set out in Appendix CG076, CG077 and CG078.

Members **NOTED** the following written reports from Councillors sitting on outside organisations:

i. Grove School Community Steering Group
ii. Market Drayton Community Covenant otherwise known as the Community Power Act.
iii. Active Market Drayton
iv. North Shropshire Area Committee
v. Drone Helicopter Liaison Group Newsletter

Councillor Mrs J. Beckett left the meeting.

11.CG CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered the correspondence regarding the installation of a Commemorative Plaque for Market Drayton's wounded in Service (Physically or Psychologically) as set out in Appendix CG079.

Members requested more information be obtained before a decision can be made regarding the installation of a Commemorative Plaque for Market Drayton's wounded in Service.

12.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- A meeting took place with the Canal and River Trust (CRT), Town Councillors and representatives from the canal volunteer group on 17 December 2025 to discuss the relocation of the bin compound. The Clerk is in regular contact with the CRT; there is no update available at this time.

  Members requested the Clerk contacts the Canal and River Trust for an update and invite them to a future meeting.

- The poppies for Remembrance Sunday have been made by HMP Stoke Heath Prison.
- Arrangements are being made for Remembrance Sunday.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

Signed: ..... Dated: 12.11.26