

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 19 September 2024 at 7.30 pm.**

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

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman, and R. Hughes

In attendance: 0 members of the public 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:

Councillor Chapman	-	Prior appointment
Councillor Hughes	-	Illness

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 Aldcroft seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To approve the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 27 June 2024.

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To approve the minutes of an Extraordinary Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 25 July 2024.

5.CG PLACE PLANS

Updates on the Market Drayton Place Plan as set out in Appendix CG070 were circulated prior the meeting.

The chairman asked if members would like to make any comments.

Councillor Manton said he was extremely disappointed that the project to extend the 30mph speed limit on Buntingsdale Road to the end of the residential area was not included in the Place Plan as the road is well used and has limited pavements.

There is an option for Town Council to pay for a traffic survey at a cost of £600-£1000; this was considered to be the responsibility of Highways. Cllr Manton requested this item be put on a future meeting for discussion.

Councillor Manton also said the land at Longford Turning, known as Damson Wood, becoming a public amenity area should be included.

Members **NOTED** the update on the Market Drayton Place Plan.

6.CG

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (SCHOOL STREETS INITIATIVE – VARIOUS ROADS, MARKET DRAYTON) (NO. 1) (EXPERIMENTAL PROHIBITION OF MOTORISED VEHICLES) ORDER 2024

Documentation from Shropshire Council regarding the above order as set out in Appendix CG071 was circulated prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the above order and considered any additional infrastructure needs for the order.

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

- **To express Town Councils support to Shropshire Councils (School Initiative – Various Roads, Market Drayton) (No .1) (Experimental Prohibition of Motorised Vehicles) Order2024.**
- **To request additional signage be installed at the following locations to warn motorists of the order:**
 - **Longslow Road by the Beacon**
 - **Prospect Road**
 - **Shrewsbury Road**

7.CG

LAMB SHUTT GATING ORDER (RH)

The Chairman said Councillor Hughes had requested this item to be on the agenda; unfortunately, as he is not here tonight, this item should be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Aldcroft said he has discussed this item at Shropshire Council today.

The gating order was introduced at Lamb Shut Alley approximately ten years ago to stop antisocial behaviour occurring in the area. Just lately the locks have been

changed and the shops located by the alley have been using the alley for cardboard etc. causing a potential fire hazard.

He will update members at the next meeting of any updates he receives from Shropshire Council.

8.CG TOWN MAP/GUIDE (TM)

A draft town map has been produced to show the proposed layout and content, this was circulated prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG072.

Councillor Manton explained the draft town map/guide in more detail for members to consider.

Councillor Aldcroft said he would like to see all the churches within the Town on the town map/guide.

Members considered the content and design of the town map and after a brief discussion:

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

- **To approve the layout and content of the draft town map/guide.**
- **To ensure the events are in date order.**

9.CG TOWN ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP (TM)

- i) To receive the notes from the Town Action Plan working group held on 13 August 2024 and 5 September 2024 set out in Appendix CG073.

Members **NOTED** the Town Action Plan working Group notes.

- ii) To consider a proposal from the working group to explore the option of recruiting someone on a self-employed basis/fixed term contract to manage the implementation of the Town Action Plan Projects.

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

- **To approve the working group explore the option of recruiting someone on a self-employed basis/fixed term contract to manage the implementation of the Town Action Plan Projects.**
- **To discuss this further at the next meeting.**

10.CG POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

The Police Partnership Panel meeting notes were circulated prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG074.

A brief discussion was had and members said they were pleased that there has been an increased police presence in the town lately.

Members **NOTED** the notes from the Police Partnership Panel Meeting held on 16 August 2024.

11.CG SATURDAY BUS SERVICE

Data showing how many residents are travelling on the Saturday town bus service, which is being subsidised by the Town Council, was circulated prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG075.

Members **NOTED** the Saturday Town Bus Service data.

12.CG VISIT SHROPSHIRE

A Monthly Performance Report for Market Drayton and the North Shropshire Headline Data Matrix report provided by Visit Shropshire as set out in Appendix CG076 and articles which have recently been published on the Visit Shropshire Website as set out in Appendix CG077 were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Members **NOTED** the above information.

13.CG TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY SURVEY

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey as set out in Appendix CG078 was circulated prior to the meeting.

Members discussed completing the survey.

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

- **That Councillor Aldcroft completes the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey on behalf of the Town Council.**
- **The completed survey will be shared with members prior to it being submitted to Shropshire Council.**

14.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Manton gave a verbal report on the following outside organisations:

The Grove School community steering group

The group met on 16 September; it consists of representation from the Town Council, the Police, The Assistant head teacher, the Head teacher, a school governor and numerous of people from organisations within the Town.

The aim is focused on the Grove school reaching out to the community and vice versa. Areas discussed was the potential utilisation of the Grove playing fields for the junior rugby and football teams from Greenfields, various social & well-being issues and from the Town Council perspective the Groves potential inclusion in this years remembrance Sunday parade, Wednesday Market, the festival of lights and a response to whether they would like to install bird, bat and bug boxes made by inmates of Stoke Heath to assist in the Town Councils biodiversity policy.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 7 October 2024.

Active Market Drayton

The group met on the 29 August; representatives from MDSA, Shropshire Council, the Grove school, and Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club.

There was an update on the pilot pitch use at the Grove school and update on the feasibility study progression currently in progress on the Greenfields site. Further discussions took place on expanding the Active Market Drayton group to wider organisations.

The feasibility study will be completed soon and will be presented to the Active Market Drayton Group, the MDSA and the clubs operating at Greenfields.

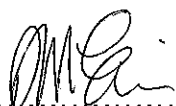
The next meeting of Active Market will be held on 10 October 2024.

15.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

1. The replacement town Centre Fingerposts have been installed.
2. The In Bloom presentation evening held on the 11 September 2024 was well attended and enjoyed by all.
3. The £250 donation has been paid to Stokes Heath Prisons chosen charity, the Lingen Davies Charity, for the provision of the bird/bug boxes.

The meeting concluded at 8.21 p.m.

Chairman: ...  Date: ... 14/10/24 ...