

**Market Drayton Town Council**

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting  
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 20 February 2025 at 7.30 pm.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors: R. Aldcroft, J. Beckett and T. Beckett.

In attendance: 0 members of the public were present and 1 member 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 J. Beckett	-	Personal Reasons
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Personal Reasons

**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 Chapman proposed, Councillor Glover seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with one abstention:

**To approve the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 14 November 2024**

Councillor Sanderson proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with one abstention:

**To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 25 January 2025.**

**5.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS**

Councillors considered the documentation outlining the consultations as shown in appendix CG151 and CG152.

Councillors were in favour of both initiatives as they would improve safety around the Grove School. Concern was raised about where the displaced cars would park.

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

**To support the introduction of a 20 mile an hour speed limit on Stafford Street.**

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

**To support the introduction of prohibition and restriction of waiting and parking places.**

#### **6.CG GINGER AND SPICE FESTIVAL**

Councillors considered requests from the Ginger and Spice Festival organisers as set out in CG153.

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

To agree the following:

- Entertainment and music can be provided at the Ginger and Spice Festival under the Town Councils premises licence.
- The electricity source under the Buttercross can be used for the food theatre set up and PA systems
- The public toilets at the town hall to be opened from 6am for traders and contractors to use on Saturday 27th September.
- Road closure sign to be borrowed – to be delivered the evening before
- One or two hanging baskets to be removed from the Buttercross prior to Saturday 27th September.
- The Town Mayor/Deputy Mayor to support judging the gingerbread window display, best stalls and officially open the spicy market.
- Town Council to provide an updated copy of the most recent Electrical Installation Report
- Town Council to provide a copy of their Public liability insurance.
- The town hall chamber to be used on the day of the event for volunteers to have somewhere to take a break and relax/refresh. To be managed by stewards at all times so that nobody other than the volunteer team would have access.

**7.CG TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP**

- i. To receive a report on the FixMyStreet Inspection carried out on 23 January 2025. See Appendix CG154.

Councillor Chapman reported that 61 defects were reported as a result of the town centre inspection of the roads, pavements, signage etc in the town centre.

The report was **NOTED**

- ii. To receive the notes from the Town Centre Working Group meeting held on 27 January 2025. See Appendix CG155.

Councillor Chapman said that two Shropshire Council officers attended the meeting, which was very positive. Since the meeting many of the issues reported have been actioned.

Cheshire Street has been identified as the area with the most defects; a road closure is planned for two days to complete the works. A list of the work planned has been requested, which will be publicised to inform members of the public.

Councillor Manton said there has been a lot of positive publicity around the inspections with articles in the local press and on the local radio.

The notes were **NOTED**

**8.CG TOWN ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP**

To receive the notes from the Town Action Plan Working Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025. See Appendix CG156.

Councillor Manton reported that good progress is being made with projects outlined in the report produced by The Retail Group. The new PR/Marketing consultant has been engaged and is active on social media.

The notes were **NOTED**

**9.CG POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL MEETING**

To receive the notes from the Police Partnership Panel Meeting held on the 29 January 2025. See Appendix CG157.

Councillor Manton said that the meetings are an opportunity to talk to the local Inspector about issues within the town and hold the policing team to account.

The notes were **NOTED**

**10.CG SATURDAY BUS SERVICE**

To receive an update of user numbers on the Saturday Town Centre bus service which is currently subsidised by the Town Council. See Appendix CG158.

Councillor Nellins reported that the service is being well used as reflected in the data provided.

The update was **NOTED**

## **11.CG OUTSIDE BODIES**

- i. To receive the notes from the NALC (North Shropshire Area Local Committee) meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025. See Appendix CG159.

The notes were **NOTED**

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

Councillor Manton provided the following reports:

Grove School Community Steering group - Met 27th January.

Main area of discussion was focusing on and into 2025 and reinforcing the groups actions with the main aim being to cement a positive outlook of the Grove School within the Market Drayton Community. Next meeting 3rd March

Market Drayton Community Covenant otherwise known as the Community Power Act - Met 22nd January & 12th February.

In essence the concept is to give communities more control over their spaces, services and spending decisions which shape their places and futures, through a Community Power Act.

The group has generated a memorandum of understanding. At the next meeting the group will be focussing on its launch project, the creation of a Community and Family Hub; the exact details of the hub are to be finalised.

Active Market Drayton - Met on 23rd January & 14th February.

The group which is focussing on the redevelopment of the Greenfields sport site including facilities at the Grove School is making good progress. Agreement has been reached on the best option to move forward; clubs have been consulted and are generally in agreement with the proposals.

Funding of course will be one of the biggest hurdles hence the funding/business model is being worked on now.

The reality is the project will be at a significant cost but when successful will see sports provision in Market Drayton become some of the best in North Shropshire

There is a soft launch of the redevelopment proposals being presented on Wednesday 26th to invited groups, individuals and the media.

**12.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Councillor Nellins reported the following:


- A balanced budget has been set for next year.
- Shropshire Council has made over £100 million savings over the last 3 years.
- 69,000 residents have registered for the green bill collection which has raised 3.8 million pounds.
- Residents no longer need to book to go to the recycling centres in cars; booking is required for vans and trailers. Proof of residency will need to be provided upon entry.
- There has been a reduction of approximately 900 tonnes of waste through the recycling centres since the booking system was introduced; some of which will be as a result of people from outside of the county using the facilities.
- The Tannery in Shrewsbury, which was previously used as student accommodation, is now being used as temporary accommodation.
- Armed Forces outreach – meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at Buntingsdale.

**13.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

Members noted the following update:

- The Pezenas working group has met.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman: .....  ..... Date: 26/6/25 .....