

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman,
G. Groves, W. Love, T. Manton, and A. Sanderson (Chairman).

ABSENT: Councillors M. Erwin, R. Hughes, and I. Nellins.

In attendance: 2 members of the public 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 apology:

Councillor M. Erwin	-	Work commitments
Councillor R. Hughes	-	Prior appointment
Councillor I. Nellins	-	Attending a Shropshire Council meeting.

2.CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. No disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. No dispensations were received for consideration.

3.CG PUBLIC SESSION

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

To suspend Standing Orders to allow PC Iain Mcintosh and PC Dave Nelson from the Safer Neighbourhood Team to speak at the meeting.

PC Iain Mcintosh and PC Dave Nelson introduced themselves.

PC Mcintosh has been covering the Market Drayton area since February/March this year. He reported that police presence will be increasing in the town as a PSCO is returning to work after long term sick and a new PCSO has been recruited for the area. He is also hopeful that he will not be required to provide cover for the response team, therefore focussing more time locally.

He said he is aware of the issue of some locals sitting around drinking. He explained that, based on evidence of ASB, Community Protection notice can be issued to individuals setting out restrictions. If the antisocial behaviour continues the issue can be taken to court to try and obtain a Criminal Behaviour Order

All telephone numbers for all members of the local policing team are advertised and officers can be contacted whilst on duty. Non urgent reports can be made by phoning 101 or online.

Councillor Beckett raised an issue regarding speeding around town in the evening.

PC McIntosh responded that with the increase patrols this would be looked into.

The Chair thanked PC McIntosh and PC Nelson for attending the meeting.

PC McIntosh and PC Nelson left the room.

The meeting went back into Standing Orders

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 29th June 2023.

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Groves seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To agree and confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 27th July 2023.

5.CG WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER

Information was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Local Policing Charter outlines the Polices ongoing commitment to improving the local policing delivery and providing a service that communities both expect and deserve.

As part of the charter the Town Council are asked to choose three priorities that are important locally and that the Police should focus on.

After a short discussion,

Councillor Sanderson proposed, Councillor J. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED**:

That the three local priorities should be:

- **Increasing Police visibility and availability**
- **Antisocial driving and speeding**
- **Drugs and Antisocial behaviour in public places**

6.CG **D DAY 2024**

Information was circulated prior to the meeting.

The 6 June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.

Villages, towns, cities, and organisations of all sizes are asked to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024 in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war, followed by an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory. See Appendix CG66.

- i. To consider taking part in the Lighting of the Beacon at 9.15pm on the 6 June 2024.

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor J. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To take part in the Lighting of the Beacon at 9.15pm on the 6 June 2024.

- ii. To consider holding an event to commemorate the anniversary and raising funds for The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and The Merchant Navy Association
- iii. To discuss a suitable budget for the celebrations to be included in next year's budget.

After a short discussion:

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

To contact the Royal British Legion to ascertain what plans they have for commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

A budget to be agreed at a later date.

To bring the item back to committee at a later date.

7.CG **TOWN MAP/GUIDE (TM)**

Information was circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Manton said that producing a new town map/guide was discussed around 18 months ago, as there were plans for a new town map to be produced by a local group it was agreed to wait and reconsider at a later date.

Councillor Manton explained the importance of having a good quality town map for visitors and tourists.

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

To obtain costings and draft designs for a town leaflet to bring back to Committee for consideration.

8.CG MARKETS WORKING GROUP (RH)

A discussion took place regarding the town Market.

Councillor Chapman expressed his concern that the current focus seems to be on the indoor market and that no changes have been made to support the outdoor market.

It was agreed to **NOTE** The notes from the Market Working Group held on 5 July 2023.

9.CG POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

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

To receive the notes from the Policing Partnership Panel Meeting held on the 9 August 2023.

10.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Aldcroft gave the following updates:

- Shropshire Council is proposing a cross boarder partnership with Herefordshire Council, Monmouthshire County Council and Powys County Council. By joining forces they will become a larger partnership that will need to be taken notice off. Areas of cross border shared interests are likely to include transport, skills and housing alongside energy, climate change and digital connectivity.
- Leisure Centre development and a splash park are considered for inclusion in the Shropshire Council Capital Programme.
- Drainage at Great Hales Street is being sorted by Shropshire Council and Seven Trent.

Councillor Mrs J Beckett left the room.

11.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Manton gave the following updates:

Report on RAF Shawbury Noise Liaison Group Meeting 20th July 2023.

The meeting was chaired by Captain Andy Baron, RAF Shawbury Station Commander.

The group has been renamed 'RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group' with the emphasis to move away from the topic of solely noise and to encompass more about RAF Shawbury as a whole and its role in the Town's and Parish's.

RAF Shawbury's complaints are on similar levels to previous and Shropshire Council has received no complaints of noise relating to RAF Shawbury.

Group Captain Baron ended by reiterating 'what can I do for you', he is very keen to be a part of the Town's & Parish's, whether that be representatives visiting or having RAF Shawbury represented in the Town's & Parish's in some way.

No minutes of the group's meetings will be recorded and/or produced as Shropshire council has withdrawn secretarial support.

Grove Community Steering Group 18th September 2023

Unfortunately, the meeting was not well attended.

The main discussion was around the potential of Market Drayton Sports Association using the facilities of the Grove School for (mainly junior) Sport Provision in Market Drayton.

The main points were well received by the Grove School who are going to instigate conversations within their organisation and report back to the next meeting to be held on 20th November 2023.

It was confirmed the WH Smith artwork will be installed shortly and when it is the school are to be advised so a media opportunity can be arranged with the various parties involved in getting this done.

12.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

It was **NOTED** that the Free Saturday Town Bus Service will start on 30th September.

13.CG EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PRESS

Councillor Groves proposed, Councillor Manton 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.

14.CG THE MESSENGER WORKING GROUP (TM)

After an in-depth discussion about the production of The Market Drayton Messenger, Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To suspend the publication of the Market Drayton Messenger with immediate effect.

The meeting concluded at 8.41 p.m.

Chairman



Date

16 Nov 23