

## Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Community and Governance Committee Meeting  
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 23 January 2025 at 7.57 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: B. Chapman, M. Erwin, P. Glover, G. Groves, T. Manton, I. Nellins and A. Sanderson (Chairman),

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

In attendance: 0 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 apologies:

Councillor R. Aldcroft	-	Prior appointment
Councillor J. Beckett	-	Prior appointment
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Illness
Councillor R. Hughes	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor W. Love	-	Prior Appointment

### 2.CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

### 3.CG CONSULTATIONS

- i. Members considered the draft response to the Shropshire Council Budget Consultation as set out in Appendix CG141.

Councillor Nellins said the consultation had been considered by Cllr Glover, Cllr Hughes, and himself, they tried to be realistic in their answers. After a brief discussion.

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

**To submit the response to the Shropshire Council Budget Consultation with an amendment to change the response to the question 'Do you think your household could manage if non-recyclable waste collection went to a 3 week collection? from 'yes, I could manage' to 'it might be a challenge at some times of the year.'**

- ii. Members heard a verbal report from the working group and considered their recommendation to not respond to the Government consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England which was attached as Appendix CG142.

The importance of completing the consultation to strengthen good practice and protect staff was discussed.

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

**That members individually complete and return the Government consultation document to the Town Clerk, who will compile a response.**

#### **4.CG EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PRESS**

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Sanderson 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.**

#### **5.CG APPOINTMENT OF A PR/MARKETING SPECIALIST**

To consider a recommendation from the Town Centre Action Working Group to appoint a PR/Marketing specialist to help implement the Town Action Plan.

After a long discussion

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

**To appoint company A as a PR/Marketing specialist to help implement the Town Action Plan for a period up to 18 months.**

The meeting concluded at 8.28 p.m.

Chairman: .....  ..... Date: 20/2/25 .....