

Market Drayton Town Council**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 24 February 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman, G. Chevins, M. Erwin, R. Hughes, T. Manton, and I. Nellins (Chairman).

ABSENT: Councillors A. Allen and M. Whittle.

In attendance: 0 member of the public present and 6 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 Allen - Working
Councillor Whittle - Unable to attend

2. CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

3. CG PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had expressed a wish to speak at the meeting.

4. CG MINUTES

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

To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 2 December 2021.

5. CG ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice Chairman following the resignation of the previous Vice Chairman.

Councillor Manton nominated Councillor Chevins for Vice Chairman.

Councillor Chapman seconded Councillor Chevins for Vice Chairman.

There were no further nominations.

It was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To duly elect Councillor Chevins as Vice Chairman for the remainder of the Civic Year 2021/22.

6.CG APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Due to the resignation of a Councillor, the Chairman asked if any member would like to represent the town on the following committees for the remainder of the Civic Year.

Committee	Current Cllr. Representative
Market Drayton Traders Association	G. Chevins and R. Hughes
Market Drayton Community Enterprise	M. Whittle

There were no additional nominees to represent the committees; they stayed as they are.

7.CG VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (Motion from Councillor Manton)

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members were asked to consider purchasing and installing two Vehicle Activated Signs at locations suggested by the Community Speed Watch Group to help tackle the speeding concerns. The locations proposed are on Shrewsbury Road, near the junction of Sherwood Crescent, and Newcastle Road near the junction of Hillcrest.

After a discussion:

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

- **To agree to have Solar Powered Vehicle Activated Signs at a cost of approximately £7,000 to be installed on Shrewsbury Road and Newcastle Road**
- **To formally agree locations with Shropshire Council.**
- **Shropshire Council to fund and install the poles for the signs.**
- **Town Council to apply for funding from the Police Commissioner's Community Safer Roads Fund for the VAS signs; any deficit to come from the Neighbourhood fund.**
- **VAS policy to be produced.**

8.CG BUILDING CONDITION INSPECTION (Motion from Councillor Chapman)

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Chapman said he is concerned a lot of buildings within the town centre conservative area are being neglected; he wants to encourage the owners to look after their properties which would make the town to look nice and be more attractive

to visitors. He proposed members undertake a six-monthly inspection of the buildings to include both commercial and residential properties, the Clerk to produce a spreadsheet of the findings so that they can be monitored and progressed.

The Chairman said Town Council can encourage the owners of the building to make them look more attractive, however, we do not have any powers to enforce them to make changes. If the building is a danger to the public; Shropshire Council do have the powers to instruct the owners to make the building safe.

After a discussion:

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

- **To conduct six monthly inspections of buildings within the conservation area, whether residential or commercial.**
- **Details of the inspection to be logged on a spreadsheet and sent to Shropshire Council.**

9.CG HONORARY TOWNSPERSON (Motion from Councillor Aldcroft)

Councillor Aldcroft asked members to consider awarding Mr Gareth Hickman, who has recently passed away, a posthumous Honorary Townsperson Award. He knows this has never been done before but feels due to his outstanding community service and fund raising within the town it is well deserved and needs to be recognised.

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

- **To award Mr Gareth Hickman a Posthumous Honorary Townsperson Award.**
- **To review the Honorary Townsperson Award Policy.**

10.CG THE POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman reported the Police Partnership Panel Town Walkabout took place on 2 February and the Police Partnership Panel had a meeting on 9 February. Discussions focussed on domestic violence, drugs and anti-social behaviours in public places, county lines and support for children within the town.

The next town walkabout is 21 April 2022.

The next partnership meeting is 28 April 2022.

Councillors **NOTED** the notes from the Police Partnership Panel meeting and the Acton Plan.

11.CG PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Chairman reported that The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations will be held on Thursday 2 June with activities being held at St. Mary's Church carpark, the Parish Rooms, The Royal British Legion, and the Church.

The event will run from early afternoon until six; organising the event has started. There are plans to have bunting and flags put up, various activities, music, a cinema screen streaming the event from London and offering a tea for two for elderly residents who are unable to attend the event. In the evening, a beacon of light will be lit in St, Mary's Church grounds, and live streamed on the screen at the Rock and Bowl event which is taking place on the same day.

There is £5,400 remaining in the Community and Governance budget; members were asked to agree a budget for this event.

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

To allocate £5,000 from the Community and Governance Budget 2021/22 for the event.

Any remaining budget, not spent in this financial year, to be Earmarked for the event.

12.CG CORRESPONDANCE

- i) Members **NOTED** the letter received from the owner of 4-6 St. Mary's Street to build a new building and let the Market Drayton Museum use it.
- ii) Council acknowledged the letter received from The Ginger and Spice Festival; the next event will be held on Saturday 24 September 2022.

Councillor T. Beckett proposed, Councillor Chevins seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To give permission for Ginger and Spice Festival to use Town Council's Premises Licence for entertainment on the day.

- iii) The Lord-Lieutenant has requested nominations to attend the Shropshire Lieutenancy Garden Party; the Chairman asked members for nominees.

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

To nominate the following candidates to attend the Shropshire Lieutenancy Garden Party:

- * Mr. Jim Moore and Mr. Eddy Getty.
- * To advertise the Garden Party on the Website asking for further nominations.

13.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

The Chairman reported to members he has been at Shropshire Council today along with Councillor Aldcroft to discuss the following:

- The budget: 85% of the annual budget is being spent on Social Care
- £21K has been allocated to fix potholes around the county; the works are ongoing. An introduction of a 'Fix my Street' app is now live; residents will be able to download the app, take a picture of a pothole and this will be sent directly to Shropshire Council.
- Shropshire Council has had a mammoth task with the flooding from the river Severn in the County recently; they are now organising for the affected areas to be cleaned.
- Children's Services have recently undertaken an Ofsted report Programme; this went well.
- A twenty-five mile per hour speed limit around schools will be rolling out.
- Climate Change: the introduction of the new recycling bin is live on Shropshire Council website.

Councillor Aldcroft reported to members:

- The building of HS2 will have an effect on Market Drayton and local commuters. Work will take place at Trentham Junction 15, there will be surveys conducted at the junction of The Swan with Two Necks Pub and major power works to start shortly at Woore.
- Cycling/Walking Plan; there is a virtual meeting being held on Thursday 3 March with Shropshire Councillors, the Clerk, and schools to discuss possible cycle paths within the town and the importance to encourage people to use them.

14.CG REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Manton reported he has recently attended a virtual RAF Shawbury meeting; this was well attended. RAF currently have eighty-two fields available within the area to use as training. There has been a reduced number of complaints; this is due to Covid19, and a lot of training has taken place in a simulator. The next meeting is scheduled to be 28 March 2022.

Councillor Aldcroft reported he has attended a Community Enterprise Group meeting on Climate Emergency within Market Drayton. The meeting was also well attended with a mixture of age ranges. There have currently been two meetings held at The Town Hall, he encouraged all members to attend the next meeting.

Councillor Manton said he has completed The Carbon Literacy training along with Councillor Nellins, Chevins and the Clerk. He would like to formulate an action plan now and present it to members.

15.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates/Information:

- Community Governance Review Update – An update from SALC (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) has been received.
- Noticeboards – Planning permission has been granted for two noticeboards to be installed along the canal; the noticeboards have been ordered.
- Change of Meeting Date – the Annual Town Meeting has been rearranged to Wednesday 4 May. John Campion, the Police and Crime Commissioner will be in attendance.

The meeting concluded at 8.24 p.m.

Chairman



Date

7 April 22