

Market Drayton Town Council**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 26 June 2025 at 7.20 pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Adcock (Chairman), Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, A. Cartwright, P. Glover, R. Hughes, and I. Sharp.

ABSENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, J. Blandford, G. Groves, T. Manton and I. Nellins.

In attendance: 1 members of the public was present and 0 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. Blandford	-	Work Commitments
Councillor G. Groves	-	Work Commitments
Councillor T. Manton	-	Work Commitments
Councillor I. Nellins	-	Work Commitments

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 Glover proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To approve the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 20 February 2025.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Glover seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 6 March 2025.

The Chair moved Agenda Item 6 forward for discussion as Jackie Jeffries from Citizen Advice Shropshire was not present.

6.CG HONORARY TOWNSPERSON AWARDS

- i. Members considered holding the Honorary Townsperson Awards this Year.
- ii. Members considered the Honorary Townsperson Award Nomination Form as set out in Appendix CG040.
- iii. Members considered holding the awards ceremony as part of the In Bloom Presentation in September.

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

- i. **To agree to hold the Honorary Townsperson Awards this year.**
- ii. **To agree the Honorary Townsperson Award Nomination Form**
- iii. **To agree to hold the awards ceremony as part of the In Bloom presentation in September.**

1 member of the public entered the Chamber.

5.CG CITIZENS ADVICE

- i. Members received a presentation from Jackie Jeffries, Citizens Advice Shropshire on the service they provide in the town.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Jackie Jeffries, CEO From Citizens Advice Shropshire.

Jackie said the Citizens Advice Shropshire have two advisers that have been situated at the GP practice within the town for over twenty years. She gave a detailed presentation on the service Citizens Advice provides to residents of the town.

She explained last year they helped residents with housing, travel, utilities debt issues and PIP queries; most clients have multiple meetings to resolve their issues.

Last year a total of over £300,000 was received by people supported by the service.

The annual cost to run the outreach support service for 2025/26 is £11,278. Half the cost is funded by Drayton Action for Health; the request is for £5,639 from the Town Council.

Jackie Jeffries thanked members for the opportunity to come to the meeting to discuss the funding request.

Councillors thanked Jackie and her team for the fantastic work they do in the community.

- ii. Members considered a request for funding from Citizens Advice Shropshire for the financial year 2025/26 as set out in Appendix CG039.

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

To agree to fund Citizens Advice Shropshire £5,639 towards their running costs for the financial year 2025/26.

Funding to be paid from the following budgets:

CAB	£5,000
Community Support & Events	£ 639

Jackie Jeffries thanked members for their continued support and left the Chamber.

7.CG FUNDING

Members considered a request for funding from Ginger and Spice towards the 2025 Festival as set out in Appendix CG041.

Councillor Glover proposed, Councillor Sharp seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree to fund the Ginger and Spice Festival 2025 £1,486.54.
Funding to be paid from the Community Support & Events budget.

8.CG TOWN CENTRE MONTHLY REPORT

Market Drayton Town Centre Report from Visit Shropshire was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG042.

The Town Centre Monthly report was received and **NOTED.**

9.CG COUNCILLOR MARKET STALL

- i. Members considered continuing with the Wednesday market Councillor stall on a quarterly basis
- ii. Members considered having a stall at the Artisan Market on a quarterly basis.

Councillor Glover proposed, Councillor Cartwright seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

- i. **To continue with the Wednesday market Councillor stall on a quarterly basis.**
- ii. **To have a stall at the Artisan Market on a quarterly basis.**

10.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – CALL FOR INFORMATION CONSULTATION

- i. Members **NOTED** the correspondence from Shropshire Council as set out in Appendix CG044.
- ii. Members considered completing the Call for Information survey as set out in Appendix CG045.

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

For members to complete the survey individually and email their responses to the Clerk by Tuesday 1 July. A draft response to be produced at the Chairs meeting and presented at the next Council meeting for approval.

11.CG TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

The notes from the meeting held with Shropshire Council Highways Officers were circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG046.

Members received and **NOTED** the notes from the meeting held with Shropshire Council Highways Officers and agreed the proposals for work on Cheshire Street.

12.CG TOWN ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

- i. The notes and action plan update from the Town Action Plan Working Group held on 21 May 2025 were circulated to members as set out in Appendix CG047.

Members received and **NOTED** the notes and action plan update from the Town Action Plan Working Group held on 21 May 2025.

- ii. Members considered merging the Town Centre Action Plan working group and the Town Communication and promotions working group. A revised Terms of Reference was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG048.

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

To merge the Town Centre Action Plan working group and the Town Communication and promotions working group and to agree the Terms of Reference.

13.CG PEZENAS TWINNING ASSOCIATION WORKING GROUP

The notes from the Pezenas Twinning Association Working Group meeting held on 16 June 2025 were circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CG049.

The Pezenas Twinning Association Working Group notes were received and **NOTED**.

14.CG POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL MEETING

Members received the notes from the Police Partnership Panel Meeting held on the 10 June 2025 as set out in Appendix CG050.

The Police Partnership Panel Notes were received and **NOTED**.

Councillor Hughes requested that illegal parking within the town should be highlighted to the police at the next police panel meeting.

15.CG WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

Members considered and agreed the membership of the following working groups which report to this committee:

Working Group	Membership
Town Centre Action Plan	Cllrs: Glover, Groves, Hughes, Manton and Nellins.
Town Centre	Cllrs: Cartwright, Glover, Manton and Sharp.
Pezenas Civic Reception	Cllrs: Glover and Nellins.
Police Partnership Panel	All Members

16.CG SATURDAY BUS SERVICE

Members receive an update of user numbers on the Saturday Town Centre bus service which is currently subsidised by the Town Council as set out in Appendix CG051.

The Saturday Town Bus Service Report was received and **NOTED**.

17.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

- i. Members received the notes from the NALC (North Shropshire Area Local Committee) meeting held on 24 March 2025 as set out in Appendix CG052.

The notes from the NALC meeting were received and **NOTED**.

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

Councillor Hughes said he represents Town Council at Market Drayton Sports Association; he has not been invited to a meeting at the club for a long time and requested an item on the next relevant agenda to discuss Town Councils future with MDSA including the funding that is allocated to them annually.

18.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

The following update was **NOTED**:

- The VE Celebrations held on 8 May were well attended.

The meeting concluded at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman:

Date:

18 Sep 25.