

**Market Drayton Town Council****Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting  
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 7.33 pm.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors A. Allen and B. Chapman and M. Erwin.

In attendance: 1 member of the public present and 4 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 Chapman	-	Private Matter
Councillor Erwin	-	Private Matter

**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 Aldcroft seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 24 February 2022.**

**5. CG CAR PARKING CHARGES CONSULTATION**

Consultation papers were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members were informed of the proposed car parking increases by Shropshire Council.

The hourly increase of ten pence is very small; car parking is still low compared to other surrounding areas which charge more than double to our town.

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 3 abstentions:

**To agree Shropshire Council's proposed increase car parking charges.**

## **6.CG PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

A letter from a resident was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman said it has been announced by Arriva the 64-service bus from Market Drayton that runs between Hanley and Shrewsbury will have reduced timetables within the next two weeks due to a fall in numbers using the service and a council bid of £98m in government funding for local bus services being unsuccessful.

Members were extremely disappointed the town were having more reduced services especially after the cut to the bus service to Telford. They were keen to keep this service going to enable residents to continue going to colleges, hospitals, work, and social trips using the bus; people should be able and encouraged to use the service to help the environment.

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

**To write a letter of dismay regarding the reduced 64 bus service to:**

- **The Bus Back Better Scheme requesting the reasoning why funding has not been given.**
- **The Transport Secretary**
- **Arriva**
- **Shropshire Council**
- **Local MP Helen Morgan.**

**To request reasoning for the cuts in service and to obtain passenger numbers.**

## **7.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL STREET TRADING POLICY 2023-2027 – INFORMAL CONSULTATION**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Shropshire Council are reviewing the Street Trading Policy with a revised document to come into effect from 1 April 2023 and have given Town Council a four-week informal consultation to report their response.

Town Council has previously identified that the charge for the Street Trading License can be prohibitive for small traders who wish to trade in the town at ad-hoc markets, which in turn makes it difficult for local organisation to organise markets and events.

Town Council has previously considered taking over the administration of Street Licenses for the Town, but this is very complex as Town Council could not administer licenses in the areas covered by the Market Charter.

After a discussion:

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED with 1 abstention.**

**The updated policy should make it easier for community markets to be organised.**

**The fee for trading 7 days or less should be reduced.**

**The introduction of a new Town/Parish Council Market Trading License that allows ad-hoc council organised markets to be run without the need for all stallholders to have individual trading licenses; similar to markets run under Market Charters.**

## **9.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES**

The Chairman reported:

The Bus, bike better application scheme within the midlands has unfortunately been rejected and an appeal will be submitted.

There is a lot of work going on in Shrewsbury regarding the Big Town Development.

The Northwest relief road within Shrewsbury is in the planning process and is being pushed ahead.

The Climate Change department: vehicle electric charging points were going into Towers Lawn carpark; this site is unsuitable and will now have six charging points installed in Queen Streetcar park towards the end of April.

The Chairman is involved with a pave cross process, he would ask for people who own an electric vehicle that live in a terraced house/have off street parking who must charge their vehicle over a pavement so this scheme can be trialed and publicised.

The mixed recycling bin has been passed at Shropshire Council and the contract has been awarded to a firm in Telford, distribution of the bins will start at the end of April in South Shropshire, Market Drayton should receive their bin by the end of July and there is still time to apply for one by calling/emailing Shropshire Council.

There was a Local Infrastructure Walk/cycle Workshop held last month looking at the possible available routes around the town, these have now been submitted and are awaiting a result.

He has been in a meeting all day today regarding the flood forum with areas affected within Shropshire.

A road closure on Alexandra Road will take place next week for emergency work to be conducted.

The vaccination bus will be outside the Town Hall for walk in vaccinations on 20 April.

He has spoken to the Street Scene contractor who are responsible for the cleanliness of the streets. There have been some improvements made such as the railings by the indoor market replaced and jet washed some communal areas. He has requested they liaise with the Town Council more to ensure the streets are kept clean.

Councillor Aldcroft reported:

The A53, A51 junction towards the motorway is starting to have works on them in October regarding the HS2. He advised an alternative commute route when this starts.

Shropshire Council are trying to promote tourists within the county especially along the canal.

#### **10.CG REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Manton gave a verbal report on the RAF Shawbury Noise Liaison Group meeting he attended on 9 March 2022.

The meeting was well attended, the principal areas used for training were Tern Hill, Chetwynd, Nesscliffe Training Area and Sleaf. In addition to these areas, there were eighty-four fields and clearings that they had permission to use from Landowners.

Noise complaints to the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 are currently matching that of the same period in 2020/21 and works out to approximately 70 hours of flying per one complaint.

Shropshire Council reported they had not had a noise complaint since the last noise liaison group meeting in October 2021 and that they are pleased RAF Shawbury take noise complaints very seriously.

RAF Shawbury currently have 20-23 aircraft in operation each day and that 40% of training is done in simulators.

#### **11.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION**

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

- Vehicle Activated Signs – The funding application to the Policing and Crime Commissioner is being prepared.
- Platinum Jubilee

The Platinum Jubilee Event will be held on Thursday 2 June from 14.00-18.00 at St. Mary's car park. The event will be like a village fête with stalls, games, performers and competitions with confirmed details to follow.

At 21.00 there will be a beacon of light taking place by the side of St. Mary's Church and live streamed to the Rock and Bowl event taking place on the same day.

- Lord-Lieutenant Garden Party – nominations have been submitted.
- Covid Monument – The monument has been installed.

The Mayor along with members of the Beacon Community Committee will be unveiling of the monument on Thursday 14 April at 11am; all are welcome to attend.

- Honorary Townsperson Awards – the awards will be presented after the Council meeting on 21 April 2022.

The Clerk said due to byelections at the Council meeting on 21 April, this meeting will take longer than usual making it late for the Honorary Townsperson awards to take place.

After speaking to the Mayor, it was decided Wednesday 27 April at 6pm would be a better time to award the Honorary Townsperson awards. All are welcome to attend.

The meeting concluded at 8.16 p.m.

Chairman .....  .....

Date ..... 14/07/2022 .....