

## Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting  
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 7 March 2024 at 7.54 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R. Aldcroft, B. Chapman, P. Glover, R Hughes,  
, T. Manton, and I. Nellins (Chairman).

**ABSENT:** Councillors: Mrs. J Beckett, T. Beckett, M Erwin, Groves, Love, Sanderson

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 Erwin	-	Prior appointment
Councillor Groves	-	Prior appointment
Councillor Love	-	Illness
Councillor Sanderson	-	Prior appointment

### 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 to speak.

### 4.CG MINUTES

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Manton seconded, and it was **RESOLVED with one abstention.**

To approve the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 25 January 2024.

### 5.CG VISIT SHROPSHIRE

- i. To receive a presentation from Mark Hooper, Visit Shropshire.

Mark Hooper presented information about the benefits of being a member of Visit Shropshire. He said information can now be provided detailing visitor numbers, where people travel to and from, how much they spend in the area etc. The data

will show footfall on specific streets. The information is captured using GPS on mobile phones.

He explained that this information can be used not only for tourism but also to provide evidence of footfall to encourage retailers to the town.

Mr Hooper spoke about the positive press coverage for Shropshire, in particular the Ginger and Spice Festival and Goldstone Hall.

Mr Hooper pointed out that representatives from the press do want to visit Market Drayton, but unfortunately there is nowhere to stay in the Town Centre.

He said articles about Market Drayton have received a good response, in particular the article on Market Drayton Canals. Over the last six months Visit Shropshire website received 532,651 views.

Festival Drayton post a lot of events on the site and people are following the links to book events/shows.

Councillor Chapman asked if data could be provided showing where residents of Market Drayton are travelling to. Mr Hooper responded this could be provided by looking at other towns information to see where people were travelling from.

It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to members.

The Chair thanks Mr Hooper for attending.

Mr Hooper left the meeting.

- ii. To consider renewing membership of Visit Shropshire

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

**To renew membership of visit Shropshire at an Annual cost of £2,500.**

#### **6.CG THE TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP (BC)**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. To receive a report on the Town Centre Street Furniture inspection.

The report was **NOTED**.

- ii. To consider quotes for replacement arms on the Fingerposts.

After a short discussion:

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

**To accept quote B for the supply of new/replacement arms on the Fingerposts at a cost of £5,515.00**

**£2,200 to be paid from Community and Governance Earmarked Reserves, the balance to be taken from General Reserves.**

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

Councillor Manton explained that he has obtained quotes for the design, production and printing of a new town guide and a town map. He asked members if they were in favour of exploring this in more detail.

Councillors were in support of the production of a new town guide and maps. It was agreed that this would be discussed again at a future meeting.

#### **8.CG D-DAY**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Royal British Legion, with support from the Town Council, are arranging to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day by organising events as set out within the guidance produced by Bruno Peek, Pageant Master.

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

**To allocate £500 budget towards the events.**

**Funds to be from the 2024/25 Community and Governance budget.**

#### **9.CG MARKET DRAYTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. Market Drayton Sports Association (MDSA) has formed a working group to look at the future of sport provision within the town.

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

**To appoint Councillor Manton as the Town Council representative on the Active Market Drayton – Sports and Leisure working group**

- ii. MDSA has explored the various issues relating to registering for VAT and applying for Charitable Status. To allow MDSA to register for VAT the board has approved alterations to the Articles of Association.

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

**To support the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association of MDSA Ltd to allow it to register for VAT.**

#### **10.CG THE POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. To receive the Environmental Visual Audit report produced by the Design Out Crime Officers, West Merica Police.

The report was **NOTED**.

- ii. To consider any actions to be implemented from the report.

Town Clerk to forward the report to other relevant organisations. Item to be brought back for discussion once responses have been received.

#### **11.CG MARKET WORKING GROUP**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. To receive the notes from the Markets Working Group held on 31 January 2024.

The meeting notes were **NOTED**.

- ii. It was **NOTED** that The Retail Group has circulated questionnaires to stakeholders and hand delivered questionnaires to shops/market traders in the town.

#### **12.CG OUTSIDE BODIES**

No verbal reports from Councillors sitting on outside organisations were given.

#### **13.CG UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

The following information was **NOTED**:

- i. Bin Storage – Shropshire Council Officers have met with representatives from Connexus to discuss options for bin storage outside Rodenhurst Flats.
- ii. Boundary Review – The first stage of the review (initial consultation) has now been completed and detailed draft proposals, which includes the recommendation that the Western Way ward of Adderley PC be moved into the Market Drayton East ward of Market Drayton Town Council, will be agreed at the Shropshire Council meeting on 21 March 2024 ahead of a further period of consultation.

iii. Recycling – options are being explored for monthly/quarterly recycling skips in town for consideration at a later date.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman ...ADAM K. SANDERSON

Date 27.6.24

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