

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 12 December 2024 a 7.45pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: C. Chapman, P. Glover, G. Groves, R. Hughes (Chairman), W. Love, T. Manton, I. Nellins and A. Sanderson.

ABSENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, and M. Erwin.

In Attendance: 0 members of the public were present and 3 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

Clerks: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

1.FG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies received:

Councillor R. Aldcroft	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor J. Beckett	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Work Commitments
Councillor M. Erwin	-	Prior Appointment

2.FG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. There were no Pecuniary Interests declared.
- ii. There were no applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011 received.

3.FG PUBLIC SESSION

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

4.FG MINUTES

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

To approve the minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31 October 2024.

5.FG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATION - REVIEW OF BANNERS, BUNTING AND FESTIVE LIGHTING POLICY AND PROCESS

Members considered the Shropshire Council Consultation – Review of Banners, Bunting and Festival Lighting Police and Process as set out in Appendix FG122.

It was agreed that it was unclear as to what areas of responsibility could be passed to the Town Council as part of this process, in particular who would be responsible for enforcement.

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

No action will be taken on the consultation until more clarification is received regarding the process; it will then be reconsidered.

6.FG ELECTRONIC SCREENS

- i. Members consider purchasing two electronic screens for use in the chamber.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Groves proposed, Councillor Sanderson seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

To agree to purchase one electronic screen of approximately seventy-two inches, to be wall mounted in the middle of the Chamber, behind the Chairman. Another screen can be purchased at a later date if required.

- ii. Members considered a suitable budget for purchasing the electronic screen.

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

To give the Clerk delegated powers to purchase an electronic screen up to the value of £1,200.

7.FG DRAFT BUDGET 2025-26

Members considered the draft budget for 2025-26 as set out in See Appendix FG123.

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

To agree the draft budget for 2025-26 at a cost of £713,724.

8.FG FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income and expenditure report was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix FG124.

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

To agree the income and expenditure report for:

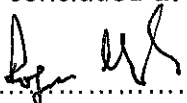
1 October 2024 – 30 November 2024.

9.FG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- i. The monthly bank reconciliations have been signed off.
- ii. There was an electrical fault at the Town Hall caused by the electric box not being fitted correctly. National Grid and the electric provider attended site on Friday 6 December to identify the problem and install a new electrical box.

The meeting concluded at 8.01 p.m.

Signed: 

Date: 6/02/25