

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 30 June 2022 at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, A. Allen, B. Chapman, M. Erwin, R. Hughes (chairman),
T. Manton, I. Nellins, N. Roberts, and M. Whittle.

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, and G. Chevins.

1 member of the public were present and 3 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

In Attendance: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

1.FG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Mrs J. Beckett	-	Poorly
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Poorly
Councillor G. Chevins	-	Working

2.FG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3.FG LARGE GRANTS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

There is £14,000 in budget and £4,112.09 in Earmarked Reserves for Community Grant Funding.

Members considered the ten applications received totalling £38,235 and discussed the suggested recommended funding to each applicant made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

To consider each Large Grant Application individually.

i) Market Drayton Arts Festival (MDCE)

Councillor N. Roberts entered the Chamber and joined the meeting.

Members **NOTED:**

The policy states 'Organisations can normally only make one application per year'; MDCE has submitted three applications, two large grants and a small grant application.

'Copies of audited or independently examined accounts for the last year' should be submitted with the application; MDCE accounts are on a spreadsheet.

After a discussion:

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

To award Market Drayton Arts Festival (MDCE) a Large Grant of £1,200 to help with the costs of room and site hire and advertising the event.

ii) **Walkmill Meadows and Marsh Working Group (MDCE)**

Councillor A. Allen entered the Chamber and joined the meeting.

Members **NOTED**:

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'Copies of audited or independently examined accounts for the last year' should be submitted with the application; MDCE accounts are on a spreadsheet.

After a discussion:

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions and 1 vote against:

To award Walkmill Meadows and Marsh Working Group (MDCE) a Large Grant of £1,200 to help purchase spring bulbs, bird boxes, easels, paints, paper to allow artistic events to be arranged in the area.

iii) **Market Drayton Town Football Club**

After a discussion:

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To award Market Drayton Town Football Club, a Large Grant of £4,112 to be taken from the Community Grant Funding in Earmarked Reserves to help with purchasing new lighting bulbs for the existing floodlights to transfer them from metal halide systems to LED.

iv) **Ashley and Loggerheads First Responders**

After a discussion:

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

To award Ashley and Loggerheads First Responders with a Large Grant of £1,000 towards purchasing and fitting out a new response vehicle.

v) **Market Drayton Carnival (Market Drayton Traders CIC)**

After a discussion:

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

To award Market Drayton Carnival (Market Drayton Traders CIC) with a Large Grant of £1,200 to help towards putting on a Carnival within the town.

Funds will not be released until confirmation and proof the Carnival is going ahead this year is received.

vi) **Market Drayton Mencap Club**

After a discussion:

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

To refuse the Large Grant Application from Market Drayton Mencap Club to purchase lightweight tables due to them having a large amount of contained funds available.

vii) **Ginger and Spice Festival**

After a discussion:

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED**:

To award Ginger and Spice Festival with a Large Grant of £1,200 to help towards the cost of holding the event within the town.

viii) **Citizen Advice Shropshire**

After a discussion:

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

To award Citizen Advice Shropshire with a Large Grant of £4,464 to help towards the cost of running the weekly advice service.

ix) **Market Drayton Foodbank**

Councillor Aldcroft declared an interest in this item and left the Chamber.

After a discussion:

Members **NOTED** the accounts submitted are on a spreadsheet and not audited accounts.

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Allen seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions and 1 vote against:

To award Market Drayton Foodbank with a Large Grant of £3,000 to help towards rental costs for The Parish Rooms and a storage container.

Councillor Aldcroft entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

x) Market Drayton Good Neighbourhood Scheme

After a discussion:

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

To award Market Drayton Good Neighbourhood Scheme a large Grant of £500 to help towards running a Dementia Friendly Film screening at The Festival Drayton Centre.

xi) Market Drayton Methodist Church

Councillor Aldcroft declared an interest in this item and left the Chamber.

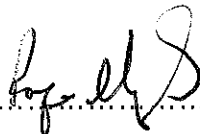
After a discussion:

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

To award Market Drayton Methodist Church £200 from the Small Grant budget to help towards the cost of two performances by The Extreme Tour Organisation in September.

Councillor Aldcroft entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7.14 p.m.

Signed: 

Date:1/9/2022.....