

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 5 September 2024 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, C. Chapman, M. Erwin, P. Glover, G. Groves, W. Love, and I. Nellins.

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs J. Beckett, T. Beckett, R. Hughes, T. Manton and A. Sanderson.

In Attendance: 0 members of the public was present and 1 member 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 apology:

Councillor J. Beckett	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Illness
Councillor R. Hughes	-	Illness
Councillor T. Manton	-	Prior Appointment

2.FG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

i. Councillor Aldcroft declared a nonpecuniary interest in item 9.FG. and will abstain from the vote.

Councillor Chapman declared a nonpecuniary interest in Item 9.FG; he already has a dispensation and will be abstaining from the vote.

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 Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Erwin seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To approve the minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13 June 2024.

5.FG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REQUEST – PARTNERING TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE TOWN

A discussion was had regarding a letter received from Shropshire Council asking the Town Council to consider helping with how they deliver services in the area.

i. To consider the request from Shropshire Council

Councillors agreed to find more out about what the help entails, and which services are being referred to.

i. To complete the survey regarding the request to help.

The survey was discussed, and the following responses agreed

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

The Clerk to be the lead contact for conversations

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

To choose the option 'Yes, we are willing to help' subject to a clear understanding of the costs.

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

To state that support will be subject to being provided with details of the costs and resources required.

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

That more information is required before any service or facility can be considered.

6.FG DRAYTON CIVIC SOCIETY

A letter was circulated prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix FG061.

Members considered the request for financial assistance to repair the Museums roof.

After a brief discussion:

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

- **To purchase twenty replica Ridge Tiles at a cost of £50 per tile, total donation £1,000 towards the Museum roof fund appeal.**
- **The money to come from budget heading 'Community Support and Events' heading.**

7.FG SMALL GRANTS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillors considered the four small grant requests received as set out in appendix FG062.

The Chair explained that there is not enough budget available to cover the grant request.

It was discussed that the Market Drayton Football Club works have increased by £7k. The Mayor said he has recently given a donation of £200 from his allowance to Festival Drayton Centre Garden Group.

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

To award a small grant to:

Organisation	Award £	To Fund / Reason not to fund
1. Market Drayton Football Club	£0	The cost to install the floodlights has increased, allocating a small amount of funds would not cover the shortfall. They should reapply next financial year.
2. Drayton Netball Club	£325	Towards the cost of transport, accommodation, and training kit to take 12–16-year-olds to Disneyland Paris to participate in an international tournament in October 2024
3. North Salop Wheelers Community Bus	£325	Towards the replacement vehicle fund.
4. Festival Drayton Centre-Garden Club	£0	Festival Drayton has previously received a small grant of £350 towards the Classical Music Series on 18 April 2024 and the Mayor has recently given the Garden Club £200 from his allowance. They should reapply next financial year.

8.FG MARKET DRAYTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting as per Appendix FG063.

Members considered the request from Market Drayton Enterprise to install an electric display board on the external wall of the Town Hall facing the car park.

After an in-depth conversation:

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

- To give permission for MDCE to install a 50" electronic noticeboard on the external wall of the Town Hall facing the carpark.
- MDCE to obtain planning permission, supply the electronic screen, arrange installation and maintain the screen, ensuring it is insured if any damage is caused to it. All costs to be covered by MDCE.
- Wording to be displayed on the noticeboard stating that the information is updated by MDCE
- Town Council to allow access to a 240-volt electric point to power a timer and pay for the electric for the electronic screen.

9.FG MARKET DRAYTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION

- i. To receive a report from the Working Group. Appendix FG064 was circulate prior to the meeting

A discussion was had stating that the electrical inspection condition report (EICR) has been completed and the reports have been passed to Market Drayton Sports Association; the whole works were very complicated.

There were no questions asked.

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

To receive the report from the Working Group

- ii. To Resolve that the electrical work, procured by the Town Council on behalf of MDSA at Greenfields Sports Ground, has been completed.

Councillor Erwin proposed, Councillor Love seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

That the electrical work, procured by the Town Council on behalf of Market Drayton Sports Association, at Greenfields Sports Ground have been completed.

10.FG REVISED POLICY

A copy of the updated Recording of Council Meetings Policy as in Appendix FG065 was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman read out a letter from a resident highlighting his concerns about the revised policy.

After an in-depth discussion,

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

- **To keep electronic recordings of meeting for seven years.**
- **To review the policy and process for retaining electronic recording of meetings in six months time.**

The Recording of Council Meetings Policy was not adopted.

11.FG FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

No questions were asked.

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

To agree the income and expenditure report for:

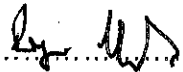
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12.FG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED**:

- i) The monthly bank reconciliations have been signed off.

The meeting concluded at 8.29 p.m.

Signed: 

Date: 31-10-2024