

**Market Drayton Town Council**

**Minutes of a Services and Facilities Committee Meeting  
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 12 December 2024 at 7.25pm.**

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

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

1 member of the public was present and 1 member of the public listening via Teams.

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

**1.SF APOLOGIES**

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

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

**2.SF DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS**

- i. No disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. No dispensations were received for consideration.

**3.SF PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public had requested to speak.

**4.SF MINUTES**

Councillor Glover proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with two abstentions:

**To agree and confirm the minutes of the Services and Facilities Committee meeting held on the 3 October 2024.**

**5.SF YOUTH PROVISION**

Members discussed the attendance numbers at the youth clubs and whether to continue to pay for the Junior and Senior youth club sessions as set out in Appendix SF117.

The Chair explained the increase in costs for the two weekly sessions.

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

To continue paying SYA to provide two youth club sessions, during term time, at a cost of £20,600 and allocate £1,150 to cover room hire.

## 6.SF FLORAL DISPLAYS

- i. Members considered the quote for the provision and installation of floral display in the town as set out in See Appendix SF118.

Members agreed that the floral displays in the town were excellent this year.

The chair explained the quote is to provide the floral displays for three years over which time there is an annual increase.

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

**To accept the quote for the supply and installation of floral displays in the town:**

2025	-	£ 9,129.00
2026	-	£11,410.75
2027	-	£14,260.05

- ii. Members considered increasing the watering fee charged to local businesses who are provided with a hanging basket outside their business premises by the Town Council.

After a short discussion:

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

**To increase the watering fee for hanging baskets to £25.00.**

## 7.SF HAMPTON DRIVE PLAY AREA

- i. Members considered a request from a local resident to plant some trees on the grassed area around Hampon Drive play area as set out in Appendix SF119.

Members discussed the installation of the trees on the grass verge around the play area which is owned by the Town Council; it was suggested that Shropshire Council may be able to supply some trees for free.

Council Chapman said he was concerned that the trees would obscure visibility of children on the play area.

Councillor Groves said that when the trees are planted, residents should be asked to be involved and there should be some publicity around the event.

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

- To support the installation of trees around Hampton Drive Play area
- To approach Shropshire Council for guidance as to what trees would be best planted around the play area.
- To enquire if Shropshire Council can provide the trees free of charge.

ii. Members considered allocating funding to purchase the trees.

After a short discussion:

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

**To allocate £200 to purchase trees if free trees cannot be sourced free of charge.**

The member of the public left the chamber.

#### **8.SF SERVICES AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025-26**

Members considered the draft Services and Facilities Committee budget for 2025-26 as set out in Appendix SF120.

After a short discussion:

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

**To agree the draft Services and Facilities Committee Budget for 2025-26 of £385,096.**

<b>Cost Centre</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Draft Budget 2025/26 £</b>
<b>101</b>	<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>103</b>	<b>Recreation Grounds</b>	<b>66,817</b>
<b>104</b>	<b>Amenity Areas</b>	<b>4,450</b>
<b>105</b>	<b>CCTV running costs</b>	<b>3,560</b>
<b>107</b>	<b>In Bloom</b>	<b>10,379</b>
<b>111</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>36,420</b>
<b>112</b>	<b>Public Toilets</b>	<b>27,960</b>
<b>113</b>	<b>Christmas Lighting</b>	<b>19,600</b>
<b>150</b>	<b>Services &amp; Facilities (General)</b>	<b>200,910</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>385,096</b>

**9.SF UPDATES/INFORMATION**

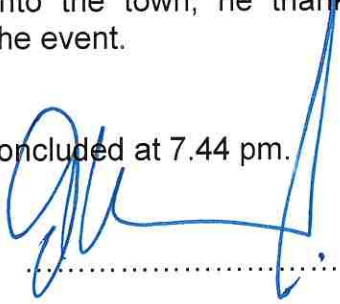
Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- The planning application for the redesign of Towers Lawn toilets has been submitted.
- The youth shelter has been installed.
- The Festival of Lights took place on 16 November; it was a very successful event again this year.

The Chairman said the Festival of Lights Event was a huge success and brought a lot of people into the town; he thanked the Town Council staff for their hard work organising the event.

The meeting concluded at 7.44 pm.

Chairman: .....



Date: .....

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