

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Services and Facilities Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 6 October 2022 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft (Chairman), J. Beckett, T. Beckett, M. Erwin, R. Hughes
T. Manton, I. Nellins, N. Roberts, and M Whittle

ABSENT: Councillors: Councillors: Chapman and Chevins

0 members of the public were present and 2 members of the public listening to the meeting
via Teams.

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

1.SF APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Chapman – Personal reasons

2.SF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3.SF PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had requested to speak at the meeting.

4.SF MINUTES

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor T. Beckett seconded, and it was
RESOLVED:

**To agree and confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Services and Facilities
Committee meeting held on the 14 July 2022.**

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

**To agree and confirm the minutes of the Services and Facilities Committee
meeting held on 28 July 2022.**

5.SF PLAY AREAS

- i. Play Area Update – information was circulated prior to the meeting

The report was **NOTED**.

ii. Formal opening of the upgraded Croft Way Play Area.

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

To hold a small civic opening of Croft Way Play Area. The opening to be by a young person who lives locally.

The Town Clerk to contact the local school to ask them to nominate a suitable young person and to make all the necessary arrangements for the event.

iii. Installation of new bow top fencing and gates

Information was circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillors discussed the quotes for installing new fencing and gates on Westlands Play area and Grotto Road Play area. It was highlighted there would be a reduction in the overall cost of £1,075 if the two projects were undertaken at the same time.

The Clerk said that there is enough money in budget and earmarked reserves to cover the work, but it would only leave approximately £2,500 to cover any issues that arise during the remainder of the financial year. The clerk suggested one of the projects be funded from the CIL Neighbourhood Fund.

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

To accept the quotes for the installation of new fencing and gates on Westlands Play Area and Grotto Road Play Area as set out below:

Westlands Play Area – £14,801.37 to be funded from the CIL Neighbourhood Fund in Earmarked Reserves.

Grotto Road Play Area - £9,426.03 to be funded from Recreation Ground in Earmarked Reserves

6.SF FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Chair updated members on the new Christmas lights ordered and activities taking place during the light switch on event. In addition to the usual events there will be:

- A children's find the teddy in the shop window competition.
- A competition to choose the LED Christmas Tree colour display

7.SF RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Members discussed whether to hold the competition again this year. Members considered the low number of entries last year and if the rise in electrical costs would deter some residents putting up lights this year.

It was agreed that the competition needs to be more widely promoted to attract a higher number of entrants this year, also discussed was how many entrants would be needed for the competition to go ahead.

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

To hold a Residents Christmas Lights Competition

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

That a minimum of 10 entrants will be required for the competition to take place.

The categories and prizes to be discussed at a future meeting.

Judges for the competition to be Councillors: Manton, Roberts and Whittle.

8.SF YOUTH CLUB REPORTS

Information was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk said the reports circulated provide information on the activities and attendance at the Senior and Junior Youth Clubs. She explained that when it was Resolved to continue funding the youth club provision attendance at the Senior Club was low, it was therefore agreed to monitor attendance and review if the Senior Club should continue.

Councillor Aldcroft said he has called in at the Senior Youth Club on several occasions, although attendance is not very high the work done with the youth attending is very important.

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

To continue funding the Senior Youth Club**9.SF UPDATES/INFORMATION**

The following information was **NOTED:**

Antisocial behaviour on the Town Park – this has reduced significantly since the benches have been removed.

In Bloom Presentation – the presentation evening took place on 21 September 2022.

Towers Lawn Toilets – the order has been placed for the work. There is a delay with the installation due to unavailability of some equipment. The work will be starting on Tuesday 11 October 2022.

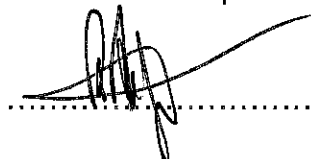
Street Furniture – work has started on painting the bins by the library, other street furniture will be painted during the winter period.

Councillor Aldcroft requested a future Agenda item to discuss the maintenance of street furniture in the Town and the possibility of receiving funding from Shropshire Council to maintain it.

Tree Survey – a tree survey has been undertaken which identifies issues with some trees on the Cemetery. Quotes are being obtained and will be presented at the next meeting.

In Bloom/Hanging Baskets – the tender period for the provision of hanging baskets/floral displays has ended. New quotes are being obtained which will be presented at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.08 pm.

Chairman: 

Date: 24/11/2022

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