

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Services and Facilities Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 8 February 2024 at 7.58pm.**

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

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

2 members 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.SF APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor R. Aldcroft	-	Illness
Councillor Mrs. J. Beckett	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor M. Erwin	-	Prior Arrangement

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 at the meeting.

4.SF MINUTES

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

To agree and confirm the minutes of a Service and Facilities Committee meeting held on 5 October 2023.

5.SF CROFT WAY PLAY AREA

Information was circulated prior to the meeting.

Members considered three quotes received to install a fence and a gate along the boundary of the play area and the green area off Blandford Way.

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

To accept Quote A at a cost of £5,035 for the installation of a fence and gate along the boundary of Croft Way Play area and the green area off Blandford Way.

6.SF PUBLIC TOILETS

The Chairman reported that due to antisocial behaviour the opening hours at Towers Lawn toilets were reduced from 8am - 6pm to 10am - 2pm in December; he reported that the initiative had been successful as antisocial behaviour had reduced significantly. The reduced opening hours had however resulted in some complaints from residents.

The Clerk and Chairman have met with two suppliers to discuss installing payment machines on the doors and have also informally discussed the option of major work to the building to install separate toilet cubicles with access doors from the front of the building; similar to the public toilets at the Town Hall. This would help with the vandalism issues encountered.

i. Members considered Towers Lawn toilets opening hours.

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

Towers Lawn toilet opening times revert to; Monday to Sunday 8am – 6pm.

ii. Members considered the Chairman and Clerk obtain quotes for a refit and plans for a redesign of Towers Lawn toilet block.

After an in-depth discussion:

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

To agree that the Chairman and Clerk obtain quotes for a refit and plans for a redesign of Towers Lawn Public toilets.

Any costs to produce plans to be paid from earmarked reserves.

Quotes to come back to the Committee to discuss further.

7.SF CEMETERY

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To adopt the Memorial Safety Policy.

ii. Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor T. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To contact local agents and landowners with a view to purchasing land for a cemetery.

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

To agree to join the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management at a cost of £90 per annum.

iv. The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk have had a meeting with the perspective company regarding the lease of the Cemetery Chapel and Mortuary. They currently lease the Mortuary and are negotiating a similar rent to also lease the Chapel.

v. Members **NOTED** that the Clerk is in contact with the solicitors appointed by the Bishop regarding the consecration of the new section of burial ground.

8.SF SHROPSHIRE YOUTH

Information was circulated prior to the meeting regarding Market Drayton Junior and Senior youth club.

The Chairman said he has previously visited both youth clubs and found them incredibly interesting; he suggested members attending another visit.

Members **NOTED** the youth club reports from Shropshire Youth for the winter period.

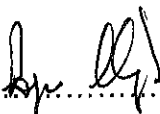
The Clerk said she will arrange an evening in March for members to attend both sessions of the youth club.

9.SF UPDATES/INFORMATION

The following updates were **NOTED:**

- The order has been placed for the new piece of play equipment on Buntingsdale Play area for installation before Easter.

The meeting concluded at 8.19pm.

Chairman: 

Date: 21/3/2024