

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 29 September 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman,
M. Erwin (Chairman), T. Manton, and I. Nellins.

ABSENT: Councillors R. Aldcroft, G. Chevins, R. Hughes, N. Roberts, and M. Whittle.

In attendance: 1 member of the public present and 3 members of the public listening via
Teams.

Clerks: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

1. CG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Aldcroft	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor Hughes	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor Roberts	-	Work commitments
Councillor Whittle	-	Prior Arrangement

2. CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

3. CG PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had expressed a wish to speak at the meeting.

4. CG MINUTES

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

**To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance
Committee meeting held on 14 July 2022.**

5. CG VISIT SHROPSHIRE

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

**To suspend Standing Orders to receive a presentation from Mark Hooper
from Visit Shropshire.**

The Chairman welcomed Mark Hooper to the meeting.

- i. Mr Hooper gave a presentation on Visit Shropshire and the benefits that becoming a member could bring to Market Drayton including the positive impact on tourists visiting the town. He explained there are three levels of membership each offering a different degree of support.

The Chairman thanked Mark Hooper for attending the meeting.

Mark Hooper left the Chamber.

The meeting went back into Committee.

- ii. Members discussed becoming a member of Visit Shropshire and the impact it could have the town. Before a decision is made regarding membership it was agreed to approach the larger companies within the town to ask if they would like to partner up with the Council to purchase a higher level of service from the organisation.

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

To defer making a decision on becoming a member of Visit Shropshire Management Organisation until discussions have taken place with various larger companies within the town about a joint Gold Package at a cost of £2,500.

6.CG PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME CONSULTATION

The improvement scheme plans were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Nellins said he is aware of two pedestrian crossings projects in the area; one by the War Memorial, which was presented at the Future Connectivity Plan Consultation, and one by the Shell Garage on Cheshire Street; his preference is the crossing by the War Memorial. Funding would need to be secured and two teams producing the proposals should work together.

Members **NOTED** the proposed pedestrian improvements Scheme Consultation.

7.CG VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members **NOTED** the background information for the Vehicle Activated Signs provided.

Members considered the quotes for the Vehicle Activated Signs.

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

To accept Quote D for two Evolis Radar Speed Sign at a cost of £4,500. Funds will come from the Community and Governance Fund within Earmarked Reserves.

8.CG BUILDING CONDITION INSPECTION

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. Members were presented with a report and shown an in-depth spreadsheet produced by Councillor Chapman documenting the poor conditions of buildings within the town when an inspection was conducted by Councillors, Chapman, Manton, Roberts, and a resident.

Members thanked Councillors for conducting the report and Councillor Chapman for all his hard work producing the informative spreadsheet.

- ii. Members discussed how to inform owners/occupiers about the issues identified during the inspection. It was agreed that more action is required than just sending the spreadsheet to Shropshire Council. An example letter to send to property owners had been previously circulated.

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

- To produce a letter for each property identified in the report explaining that repair work is required; the letter to be accompanied by a picture of the work.
- The letters to be hand delivered by the working group.
- A copy of the spreadsheet to be sent to Shropshire Council Building Control Department.

9.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER CONSULTATION

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To agree that the temporary order should be given permanent status.

10.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

Councillor Nellins reported:

- Shropshire Council are currently looking at their budgets; a substantial portion of the budget is spent on care providers.
- He is now the portfolio holder of climate change at Shropshire Council. He was involved with the 'Go Green Festival' recently held at Shrewsbury Football Club where electric buses and vehicles were on show along with solar panels stalls.

- The six electric car charging points on Queen Street car park will go live on 6 October, a little later than expected due to permit issues.
- The new purple lidded recycling bins, which were ordered in the first phase, have started to be distributed locally. They have been delivered in the East of Market Drayton; the rest of the town will receive theirs within the next four weeks.
- There have been discussions at Shropshire Council about charging extra to dispose of green waste; the county has the highest amount of waste in the area and this option is being looked at to try and reduce it. He was hopeful the charge would not be implemented.

11.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

- I. Due to not all members being present at the meeting, a decision to elect a representative to the Pezanas Twinning Association was postponed. The Clerk to email all members to ask if they are interested in the position and bring it back to the next meeting for discussion.
- II. Councillor Manton nominated himself to be the representative to The Grove Community Steering Group.

Councillor T. Beckett seconded Councillor Manton's proposal.

There were no other nominees.

It was **RESOLVED:**

Councillor Manton was duly elected to representative to The Grove Community Steering Group.

- iii. There were no verbal reports received from Councillors sitting on outside organisations.

12.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates/Information:


- I. Noticeboards – Both noticeboards along the canal have been installed and populated.

Members asked if there was a process to put notices in the noticeboard.

The Clerk informed members that the key to open the noticeboards is at the Town Hall; she was hoping the Market Drayton Traders will take over the upkeep and will keep members informed.

- II. A response to the Police and Crime Commissioners Survey has been submitted.
- III. The lamppost banners have been installed.

The meeting concluded at 8.51 p.m.

Chairman 

Date 10/11/2022

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