

**Market Drayton Town Council**

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting  
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 10 November 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors R. Aldcroft and R. Hughes.

In attendance: 1 member of the public present and 0 member 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

**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 J. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:** with 2 abstentions:

**To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 29 September 2022.**

**5. CG CAP**

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor J. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To suspend Standing Orders to receive a presentation from Carolyn Lawrence from Christian Against Poverty (CAP)**

The Chairman welcomed Carolyn to the meeting.

Carolyn showed a presentation to members and discussed what help CAP provides to the community of Market Drayton.

She explained that they are based at The Parish Rooms in Church Street, where they offer their services completely free. They help individuals who have unmanageable debt by sorting them a manageable payment plan and offering courses to enable people to budget more effectively.

With the rise of the cost of living she envisioned the need for this service will increase and urged members to raise awareness of their service to members of the community in need. Brochures were passed to members.

Councillor T. Beckett said the brochures states the organisation has been going since 2014; he hasn't seen any advertisement about them before and suggested the brochure is put on the Town Council's website.

Carolyn says she advertises in the Market Drayton Advertiser, The Messenger, on The Drayton Crier Facebook page and has posters up at the Job Centre, the surgery, and local supermarkets.

It was agreed that the Town Council would help publicise the services offered by putting detail on Facebook, the website and noticeboards.

Councillor Manton asked if the organisation measures the success rate?

Carolyn said the number of people helped is recorded but each candidate is complex.

There were no more questions asked.

The Chairman thanked Carolyn for attending the meeting.

Carolyn Lawrence left the Chamber.

The meeting went back into Committee.

## **6.CG BUDGET 2023/24**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting for members to look at.

The Chairman asked if members had any comments or questions they would like to make.

No questions were asked.

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

To recommend the following draft Community and Governance budget for 2023/24 to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee in December 2022.

Cost Centre 301	Description	Draft Budget 2023/24 £
4323	Community & Governance	5,000
4325	Drayton Messenger	7,000
4326	Events	0
4017	Police Panel	1,500
4326	Citizens Advice Bureau	3,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,500</b>

### 7.CG RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

**To agree to trial the free six months Rural Services Network membership and review the membership after this time.**

### 8.CG POLICING PANEL

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. Members **NOTED** the notes from the Police Panel meeting held on 28 October 2022.
- ii. On the police walkabout it was highlighted the lack of lighting in the alleyway from Cheshire Street to Queen Street (in between Barnardo's and the Vape shop). The owner has been spoken to and he agreed to a new outside light being installed on the back of his building. Members discussed the cost of a new light and the installation of it.

Councillor T. Beckett proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

**To fund the installation of a new light down the alleyway from Cheshire Street to Queen Street (in between Barnardo's and the Vape shop).**

**The payment to come from the Police Panel Fund within Community and Governance budget.**

- iii. Members discussed nominating roads to be included in Operation Snapp.

After a discussion:

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

**To nominate the ring road, Cheshire Street, Shropshire Street, Frogmore Road, Towers Lawn, and Stafford Street be included in Operation Snapp.**

- iv. Members discussed the membership on the Police Panel.

After a discussion:

Councillor Whittle proposed The Police Panel to consist of: Committee Chairmen and Shropshire Councillors, with Chairmen having the option to nominate Councillors to attend in their absence.

There was no seconder to this proposal.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor T. Beckett seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

**All Councillors to be on the Policing Panel.**

## 9.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Nellins reported:

### Budgets

The budgets are extremely tight especially with the increase in the cost-of-living.

### School Streets Scheme

Alexandra Road Junior School has been selected for trialling the scheme. A 20m.p.h. speed limit will be introduced to the roads around the school at drop off and pick up times and children will be encouraged to cycle or walk to school.

### Electric Vehicle Chargers

The delay in connecting the six charger points on Queen Street carpark has been due to legal issues. Shropshire Council has been successful in winning a half a million bid to install additional charging points; 6 charging points will be installed on Frogmore Road carpark.

### Rough Sleepers

Shropshire Council has won a bid of two and a half million pounds to support rough sleepers within the County.

### Public Transport

Councillor Nellins is now the Public Transport Portfolio Holder. He is having discussions about trialling a small bus service that picks up at various locations and

feeds into a main bus route; he is pushing for the trial to take place in Market Drayton, which would encourage residents to use the bus service, making it more sustainable and reducing the carbon footprint.

#### Purple Lidded Recycling Bins

Phase one - is now complete; all purple bins have been delivered, he encouraged people to contact him if they have not yet received their bin.

Phase two - waste collection days have changed; everything has gone well so far, and the new collection days are permanent.

#### Boundary Review

The Boundary Review is still ongoing; the possible effect this may have on Town Council is that currently each division has two Councillors, it may reduce to one Councillor per division.

### 10.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Manton reported:

He attended a meeting with The Grove School Community Group on 7 November along with the Assistant Head teacher, School Governors, Police and Christians Against Poverty.

Discussions were had on a Community vision, projects the school are currently undertaking, close working relationships with the police, the good Ofsted report received and facilities the school has available for community use. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 9 January 2023.

### 11.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION

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

- i. Visit Shropshire – local businesses have been contacted; interest has been received from McDonalds.
- ii. VAS – the signs have been delivered
- iii. Building conditions inspection – letters are scheduled to be delivered week commencing 14 November 2022.
- iv. The Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting has been rearranged to the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as the by-election is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- v. The Armed Forces Covenant was signed on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The meeting concluded at 8.37 p.m.

Chairman

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