

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 9 March 2023 at 7.30 pm.

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

ABSENT: Councillor R. Bentley and R. Hughes.

In attendance: 0 members of the public present and 2 members of the public listening via Teams.

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

1. CG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apology:

Councillor Bentley - Illness
Councillor Hughes - Illness

2. CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. To receive any disclosure of pecuniary interest - Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

Councillor	Item	Outcome
Councillor Chapman	10.CG	A past Chairman and will abstain from the vote
Councillor Love	9.CG	Non-pecuniary interest a relative advertises in The Messenger and will leave the room when item is discussed.
Councillor Nellins	8.CG	A past Chairman and will leave the room when the item is discussed.

- ii. To consider any applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011.

Councillor Chapman requested a dispensation under item 10.CG to speak but not vote on all matters relating to Market Drayton Sports Association.

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Manton seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To grant Councillor Chapman a dispensation to discuss but not vote on all matters relating to Market Drayton Sports Association

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** with 1 abstention:

To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on 26 January 2023.

5.CG VISIT SHROPSHIRE

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

A discussion was had about becoming a Gold Member of Visit Shropshire at a cost of £2,500. Erasmus Restaurants Ltd, who have the franchise for McDonald's in town have offered a contribution of £1,000 towards the membership fee and other businesses within the town could join at a later date.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To become a Gold member of Visit Shropshire at a cost of £2,500 for a year; the Town Councils contribution towards the membership will be £1,500.

£1,500 will come from the Community and Governance budget to cover the cost.

To set up a Working Group to organise what information is provided to Visit Shropshire and encourage other local business to be a part of the membership.

Members on the Working Group are Councillors: Manton, Nellins and Sanderson.

6.CG KINGS CORONATION

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

To hold a Kings Coronation Event in Queen Street on Sunday 7 May 2023, from 1pm until 4pm.

ii. Shropshire Council are removing the dead tree at the top of Stafford Street. A discussion was had regarding planting a new tree or installing a new planter to celebrate the Coronation.

The tree has died due to infected soil, having a large planter with a tree planted in was considered a better option than re-planting a tree.

There is currently a bench around the tree; when the tree is removed the bench will be moved. As the bench is used regularly it was suggested a new bench be installed in the area.

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

To install a planter at the corner of Stafford Street once the current tree is felled to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

To seek professional advice on the most appropriate and suitable tree to be planted in the planter.

To discuss re-installing a bench in the area at a later date.

7.CG LETTERS TO HEAVEN POST BOX

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

A request has been received from Luna's Legacy to have a letters to heaven post box installed at the Cemetery for people to post a letter to loved ones they have lost.

The post box will be provided by the British Ironworks Centre and will remain the responsibility of Luna's Legacy who will regularly empty the letters; there would be no cost to the Town Council.

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

To install a Letters to Heaven post box at the Cemetery

8.CG THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Councillor Nellins left the Chamber.

The Market Drayton branch of The Royal British Legion are celebrating 100 years of helping support the local armed forces community.

Although Council has not previously given an organisation an award for their contribution to the town a conversation was had on how to best acknowledge all the good work the British Legion has done.

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

To give delegated powers to the Chairman and Clerk to purchase a suitably engravable plaque/shield to mark the accomplishments of the Market Drayton Branch of The Royal British Legion over the 100 years.

To allow up to £250 from the Community and Governance budget to purchase the suitable plaque/shield.

To make suitable arrangements to present the plaque/shield to The Royal British Legion.

Councillor Nellins entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

9.CG THE MESSENGER

Councillor Love left the Chamber.

Members considered setting up a Working Group to look at the production and costs of producing The Messenger.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To set up The Messenger Working Group to look at the production costs of producing The Messenger.

Members on the working group are Councillors: Chapman, Manton and Sanderson.

Councillor Love entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

10.CG MARKET DRAYTON SPORTS ASOCIATION ELECTRICAL WORK

Councillor T. Beckett left the Chamber.

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. A discussion was had on a circulated document which set out the general guidelines for the tendering of the electrical work at Greenfields Sports Ground.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To agree the document setting out the general guidelines for the tendering of the electrical work at Greenfields Sports Ground.

To agree that the Clerk can seek profession advice to help produce the tender documents as needed.

- ii. Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Love seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To set up a Working Group, with delegated authority to produce the tender documents for the electrical works at Greenfields.

Members on the working group are Councillors: Chapman, Hughes and a representative from Greenfields.

Councillor Chapman took part in the discussion but did not vote on this item.

Councillor T. Beckett entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

11.CG ARMED FORCES DAY

Members discussed holding a small service by the War Memorial on 24 June 2023 to celebrate Armed Forces Day.

Members said there is already a service held at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday; Armed Forces day is a non-working day for the military. The Royal British Legion or regiment within the town could possibly be holding a function and a representative from the Town Council could attend.

Councillor Nellins said he will speak to The Royal British Legion and regiment to ask if they have any celebrations planned for the day and report back at the next meeting.

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

To purchase new Armed Forces Day Flags; money to come out of Community and Governance Budget.

To erect a Flag on the Town Hall flagpole and on poles situated on shops and business down Cheshire Street.

To make enquiries as to what other organisations are planning for the day so Town Council can have a representative there and offer support.

12.CG CLIMATE ACTION

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

To support the request from Market Drayton Climate Action Group to endorse the Cool Shropshire and Telford initiative.

13.CG TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To agree the terms of reference for the Town Centre Working Group.

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

To accept the notes from the first Town Centre Working Group meeting held on 28 February 2023.

14.CG POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

To accept the notes from the Police Partnership Panel Meeting held on 25 January 2023.

The Clerk said Market Drayton has a new PC in position; he has been invited to the Council meeting in April.

15.CG SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Nellins reported:

Cost of Living Support

Shropshire Council have issued Cost of Living Support Information for residents who are concerned about the cost of living; he will forward the information sheet to the Clerk to put on Town Councils website and notice boards.

Local Cycling/Walking Infrastructure

The Local Cycling/Walking Infrastructure is supported by Shropshire Council Cabinet and will go out for six-week consultation shortly; further information is on Shropshire Council website. He encouraged all members and residents to get involved with the consultation.

Councillor Aldcroft encouraged comments to be made on the consultation from wheelchair users and to explain their disabled routes within the town and country.

Schools Street Programme

Alexandra Road Junior School will be trialling the programme in September; this will reduce the congestion from the school at drop off and pick up times; further information regarding this is on the Shropshire Council website.

Green Waste

There are no statutory regulations for Shropshire Council to deal with removing green waste. There has been talks to charge for this service, there will be no charge for another year.

Town Service Bus Route

A meeting has been set up at 10am on 14 April at the Town Hall between Lakeside Bus Company, Shropshire Council Transport Group and Market Drayton Climate action Group, all Town Councillor are invited to attend. The outdated bus service routes will be discussed and hopefully revised to include new developments within the

town to bring the service up to date and in turn encourage additional usage of the service.

Military Match Day

In conjunction with the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Team at Shropshire Council; Shrewsbury Town Football Club home match this Saturday is teamed Military Match Day and have donated five hundred tickets to serving military and veterans.

16.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

The Grove School Community Steering Group

Councillor Manton reported that he has attended the third meeting of on 6 March 2023.

The aim of the group is to develop a range of community initiatives which will enhance the image held of the Grove school by the community it serves by addressing social problems evident in Market Drayton.

At the previous meeting attendees agreed to form small groups with each group being assigned initiatives to combat anti-social behaviour, challenging behaviours in children, the burden of poverty in the community, drug use and dealing, the amount of litter on the streets, county lines and dilapidation evident in the town.

Each one of these initiatives was allocated to two team members of the group who presented their plan for their initiative to the group for implementation.

All plans were well received by the group and informally put into motion for each group to commence action upon.

Progress will be measured and reported at each steering group meeting. The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 18th April.

17.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION

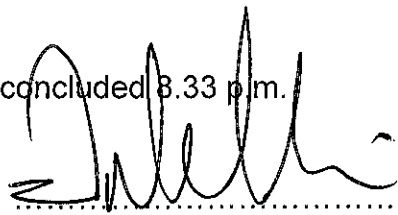
Members **NOTED** the following update:

- Letters have been sent to the local garages regarding fuel prices.

The Chairman read out a response from one of the garages within the town for members to hear.

The meeting concluded 8.33 p.m.

Chairman



Date

29 June 23