

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Community and Governance Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 29 June 2023 at 7.30 pm.**

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

ABSENT: Councillors M.Erwin, R. Hughes, 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 apology:

Councillor R. Hughes - Prior arrangement
Councillor M Whittle - Prior arrangement

2.CG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. No disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. No dispensations were received for consideration.

3.CG PUBLIC SESSION

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

4.CG MINUTES


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

To agree and confirm the minutes of the Community and Governance Committee meeting held on the 9 March 2023.

5.CG SHROPSHIRE AND WREKIN FIRE AUTHORITY

County Councillor David Minnery, Chairman of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority spoke about the Fire Authority. He said his pledge is to increase public awareness of the Authority and to highlight the importance of both the On Call Firefighters and the employers that allow them the time to attend incidents.

He said that the authority is at threat of being taken over by the Police and Crime Commissioner, which would be at the detriment of the public.


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He also explained how the combined authority came into existence; there are currently 10 appointed representatives from Shropshire and 5 representatives appointed from Telford and Wrekin.

He offered to provide further information if requested.

Councillor Nellins thanked Cllr Minnery for attending and offered to put some literature/information on the Town Council Facebook page and website to help publicise the work of the fire brigade.

6.CG ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL: DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair explained that the proposal is for each ward to be single member seat with a similar number of electors in each. Market Drayton has been split into three wards, North, South and East with the inclusion of Western Way business in the East ward.

Cllr Chapman said that the new boundary does not include additional land to allow the town to grow within its own boundaries.

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

For the Chair and Town Clerk to respond to the consultation based on the comment made.

7.CG PLACE PLAN REVIEW

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair explained that the place plan lists infrastructure projects for the town; the information can be used as evidence to apply for external funding, CIL funding and investment.

A new version of the place plan is being produced; the working group has compared the projects in the old plan and the new plan and identified the projects that should be reincluded. They have also identified some new projects to be included.

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

- i. To receive the notes from the place plan working group meeting held on the 30 May 2023.**
- ii. The following projects be put forward to Shropshire Council for inclusion in the revised Place Plan:**

**Buntingsdale Road 30mph limit
Road Signage
Town Centre Signage**

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Litterbins
 Splash Park
 Waste Water Works
 Marina Development
 Rural Transport
 Cemetery
 Town Bus
 Energy Efficiency
 Town Centre Improvements

Full details of the projects can be found on agenda attachment CG31.

8.CG SATURDAY BUS SERVICE

The Chair asked members to consider subsidising the Saturday bus service to allow passengers who currently pay to travel for free; passenger who are already eligible for concessionary travel would continue to use their passes as normal.

He said a larger market town in Shropshire is providing a free Saturday bus service at a cost of approximately £3,000 per year.

Councillor Manton said offering a free bus service would encourage residents into the town and help the local economy.

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

To obtain costings for the Town Council to subsidise the Saturday bus service to allow passengers to travel free.

9.CG VISIT SHROPSHIRE

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Manton, chair of the working group, provided a verbal summary of the meeting notes, explaining that the meetings focussed on agreeing the content for the website and the themes for the press releases and articles.

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

i. To receive the notes from the Visit Shropshire Working Group meeting held on 20 April and 30 May 2023.

ii. To agree the following recommendations be implemented:

Articles to be themed around:

- A Snapshot of rural Life (focussing on the Cattle Market)
- Canals and Walks around Market
- Places to Visit

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- Shopping Experiences

Press Releases to be on:

- Ginger and Spice Festival
- Festival of Lights
- Remembrance Sunday
- 10K Running Race
- One spare to be agreed at a later date

Festival Drayton to be given permission to put their own events on Visit Shropshire under the Town Council Membership.

10.CG THE MESSENGER

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Manton, chair of the working group, provided a verbal summary of the meeting notes. He said there were 101 responses to the survey which was pleasing. The general consensus was for The Messenger to continue; the focus is now on what format it should continue and how should it be delivered.

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

- i. To receive the notes from The Messenger Working Group meetings held on the 5 June. See Appendix CG33.
- ii. To agree the following recommendations be implemented
 - To ask surrounding parishes to pay towards the production of the messenger on the understanding that copies may only be provided to parish that pay towards the costs.
 - Investigate alternative methods of circulating The Messenger:
 - i. Delivery by volunteers
 - ii. Not to delivery to every property; to approach retail outlets to see if they will display copies which can be picked up by residents from their stores/shops.
 - To increase the amount of community and Town Council articles.
 - Chairs to produce committee updates for each edition.
 - The working group to continually audit the content and production costs.
 - A report to be received at Full Council/Community and Governance meeting at the end of each financial year.
 - The Messenger to continue to be produced in A5 format in August.
 - A meeting to take place with the producers of the Messenger to discuss the above recommendations and the financial implications on The Messenger production costs to give them an opportunity for their input.
 - The November issue to be in its revised format.

Councillor Sanderson left the meeting.

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11.CG TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Chapman, chair of the working group, provided a verbal summary of the meeting notes. He explained that a second inspection has taken place of town centre buildings; some issues identified in the first inspection have been rectified with 15 new issues being noted. Letters have been drafted to send to properties that have new and/or existing issues and to those properties that have rectified issues. It was also recommended that a recognition scheme be set up for properties that have a good outward appearance.

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

- i. **To receive the notes from the meetings of the Town Centre Working Group held on 20 April and 5 June 2023.**
- ii. **To agree that the following recommendations which were listed in the report be implemented:**
 - **The additional properties with identified issues be sent a first letter.**
 - **The 6 properties that have rectified the issues identified be sent a thank you letter.**
 - **The 37 properties that do not appear to have addressed any of the issues identified be sent a second letter.**
 - **A recognition scheme for properties which have a good outward appearance be set up as per the criteria.**
 - **The 5 properties that have been identified as having a good outward appearance be awarded a certificate of recognition.**
 - **The working group carry out an audit of finger posts in the town and make recommendations for improvement.**

Councillor Aldcroft thanked everyone involved for their hard work.

Councillors Mrs J. Beckett and T. Beckett left the meeting.

12.CG MARKETS WORKING GROUP

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Meetings are taking place with LSD and Shropshire Council to look at how the market can be reinvigorated with several initiatives being discussed.

An event has been organised on Saturday 1 July to promote the indoor market.

Councillor Manton said that the outdoor market needs to be focussed on as a priority.

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

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To receive the notes from the Market Working Group held on 29 March and 17 May 2023.

13.CG POLICE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the notes of the meeting held on the 4 April 2023.

Councillor Manton said that he recently attending a presentation on Criminal Exploitation; he asked if a presentation could be given at the next Community and Governance meeting.

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

To receive the notes from the Policing Partnership Panel Meeting held on the 4 April 2023.

14.CG WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

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

To add Councillor Groves to the Market Working Group.


Working Group	Members
Police Panel	All Members
Markets	Cllrs Aldcroft, Hughes, T. Manton, I Nellins
Town Centre	Cllrs Chapman, Erwin, Love, Manton, Sanderson
Visit Shropshire	Cllrs Manton, Nellins, Sanderson
MDSA Electrical Works	Cllrs Chapman, Hughes
The Messenger	Cllrs Chapman, Manton, Sanderson
Place Plan	Cllrs Aldcroft, Hughes, Love, Manton, Nellins, Whittle,
Boundary Review	Cllrs Aldcroft, Hughes, Love, Nellins, Whittle

15.CG OUTSIDE BODIES

The Grove School Community Steering Group

Councillor Manton reported that a fourth meeting of the Grove Community Steering group was held on Monday 5th June 2023.

From the previous meeting action plans are all going ahead focussing on 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.


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Discussions took place regarding a Grove float for the carnival, the success of 'Stay & Play' and potentially reaching out to the Zone for advice, the potential of meetings taking place between multiple Market Drayton organisations all in aid of organising summer activities for young people, organising a litter picking day before the end of term and to finalise the artwork competition for the walls at the rear of WH Smith.

RAF Shawbury Noise Liaison Group.

Councillor Manton reported that a meeting of the RAF Shawbury Noise Liaison Group was intended to take place on the 26 June however at the last minute it was cancelled and rescheduled for the 20 July 2023.

I can however report to members that Shropshire Council have withdrawn their organisational and secretarial support for this group which will now be handled by RAF Shawbury.

Market Drayton Sports Association

Councillor Aldcroft reported that the consultant's report on Greenfields will be available soon.

Shropshire Council

Councillor Nellins reported that the Electrical Vehicle Charging points are being installed on Frogmore Road Carpark; the charging points are operational on Queen Street Carpark.

Roadworks are starting on the A53/A41 Gingerbread Roundabout.

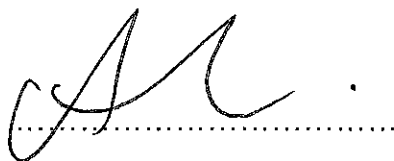
16.CG UPDATES/INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- Kings Coronations Event took place on Sunday 7 May. £104.01 was raised which has been donated to Market Drayton Foodbank.
- The Letters to Heaven Post Box has been installed at the Cemetery.
- Greenfields Electrics – Local electrician have been invited to quote to produce a full electrician condition report. The quotes will be considered at Full Council on 20 July 2023.
- The Armed Forces flag was raised outside the Town Hall on Monday 19 June 2023. Other flags have been put up on Cheshire Street opposite the War Memorial.
- Next Meetings: Planning and Full Council on 20 July 2023

The meeting concluded at 8.52 p.m.

Chairman



Date

