**Community and Governance Meeting**

**14 November 2024**

**Appendix CG109**

**Town Centre Working Group**

**10th November 2024**

**Notes**

Present: Cllrs Chapman, Love and Manton

1. **To Agree the notes of the meeting held on 29 June 2023.**

The notes were agreed

1. **To discuss the future of this working party and its objectives.**

All agreed that the inspections did produce results, with repairs being carried out and completed. It was agreed that after 5 letters had been issues no further letters would be produced because as it was clear that the owner/occupier had no intention of taking any action. The important thing was that we continue the initiative.

1. **Resume of findings from recent inspection.**

The Chair reported that some issues have been resolved. A number of new issues were identified.

It was agreed that the Chair would produce a report of the inspection providing an update on issues identified to be presented to the next Community and Governance Meeting.

1. **Proposal that we commend our local "Fire Station" for the site improvements to Town Council,**

The improvements at the Fire Station were discussed and it was agreed to recommend to the C&G Committee that they awarded a Certificate of Recognition.

1. **Town centre cleanliness issues**.

During the inspections, Councillors noted the general state of our Town, its pathways and its roads and pedestrian areas and what appeared to be a total lack of cleaning.

A list of questions was produced regarding street cleaning and why the Town is in such a state. The clerk was asked to send the questions to the Street Scene manager for a response; unfortunately, the previous manager had left, and she had been unable to get a response. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact the head of the Council for a response.

1. **Status of Town Centre Conservation area (possible invite to Town Council or a working party)**

Councillors expressed concern about the management of our Conservation area and an apparent lack of action in particular around the issues of the burnt-out building on St. Marys Street which has now neglected for some 16 years.

It was agreed to invite the Shropshire Council Conservation Officer to a meeting on either Monday 11th November at 12 noon or Tuesday 19th November at 10am to discuss this and general concerns.