Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Market Drayton Town Council held on 8 May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Frogmore Road, Market Drayton.


Also present: 5 members of the public and 2 members of the press.

Clerk: Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk.

Rev Hywell Snook led the Council in prayers before the meeting.

Tim Beckett thanked Reverend Snook for the prayers.

Rev. Hywell Snook left the Chamber.

C.01 Election of Town Mayor for the municipal year 2014/2015.

Councillor T. Beckett introduced the new Assistant Town Clerk; Mrs Kate Harvey.

Councillor T. Beckett thanked everyone for the support shown to him during his time as Town Mayor over the last 12 months.

Councillor Minnery nominated Councillor T. Beckett for another year as Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cadwallader.

This was no reflection on the Deputy Mayor but he felt Councillor T. Beckett did an excellent job of representing the Town Council over the last 12 months and should do it for another year.

Councillor Taylor nominated the Deputy Mayor Councillor Smith for Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Aldcroft.

She said that it was natural progression and he did an excellent job as Mayor previously.

Councillor Brown nominated Councillor D. Erwin, seconded by Councillor Erwin.

She said he knows how the Council is run and he is well liked in the town.
Councillor D. Erwin thanked the Councillors for nominating him but he would like to withdraw from the election due to his health problems.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that due to there being 2 nominees to be Town Mayor there would be a secret ballot.

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk issued ballot papers to members.

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk left the room to count the votes.

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk returned to the Chamber.

The Town Clerk announced the votes that were as follows:

Councillor T. Becket – 10 votes
Councillor Smith – 6 votes

Councillor T. Becket was duly elected Town Mayor the ensuing Civic year.

Councillor T. Beckett signed the Declaration of Office.

Councillor T. Beckett thanked all the Councillors for their votes, making him Town Mayor.

The Mayor said he wanted the Town Council to work together. He wanted Shropshire Council Councillors to report back to Town Council on a regular basis. He understands that the 17 Councillors on the Council are all individuals and there is a lot of experienced Councillors who have a lot to contribute to the Council. He wanted members to support the new Clerk and her new team.

The 2 members of press left the Chamber.

C.02 Election of Deputy Town Mayor for the municipal year 2014/2015.

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded to nominate.

Councillor Smith for Deputy Mayor

Councillor Taylor said Councillor Smith has been Deputy Mayor for the last 12 months; he should carry on and work together as a group.

Councillor Minnery proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded to nominate.
Councillor Cadwallader for Deputy Mayor

The Town Clerk said there will be a secret ballot.

The town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk issued ballot papers to members.

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk left the room to count the votes.

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk returned to the Chamber.

The Town Clerk announced the votes that were as follows:

Councillor Cadwallader 9 votes
Councillor Smith 7 votes

Councillor Cadwallader was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Civic year.

Councillor Cadwallader signed the Declaration of Office.

C.03 Apologies for absence

None given.

C.04 Standing Order 2L

Proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Taylor and it was RESOLVED:

To suspend Standing Order 2L for the remainder of the meeting.

C.05 Appointment of committees

a) Services and Facilities Committee

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Ridgway seconded and it was RESOLVED, with one abstention:

That Services and Facilities Committee is made up of the following Councillors:

Councillor Whittle, Taylor, Hughes, M. Erwin, Gough, J. Beckett, Owen and ex officio members T. Beckett as Mayor and Cadwallader as Deputy Mayor.
b) Community Governance

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Minnery seconded and it was RESOLVED, with one abstention:

That all Members make up the Community Governance Committee.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor Ridgway proposed and Councillor Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED, with one abstention.

That the Finance and General Purpose Committee is made up of the following Councillors:

Councillor Ridgway, Purcell, Aldcroft, D. Erwin, Glover, Smith, Brown, Minnery and ex officio members: T. Beckett as Mayor and Cadwallader as Deputy Mayor.

d) Planning Committee

Councillor Minnery proposed, seconded by Councillor Hughes and it was RESOLVED:

That all members make up the Planning Committee.

e) Personnel Committee

Councillor Whittle proposed that the Committee be reduced to 3 members.

There was no seconder for this proposal.

Councillor Aldcroft said he had concerns of confidentiality.

Councillor T. Beckett said he would prefer to keep it open and make it fair.

Councillor Taylor said we are making the right decision and moving in the right direction with all Councillors on the Committee.

Councillor T. Becket proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED:

That the Personnel Committee is made up of the following Councillors:
Councillor: Ridgway, Whittle, Aldcroft, Brown, Taylor, Hughes, M. Erwin, Minnery, Purcell, Glover and ex officio members T. Beckett as Mayor and Cadwallader as Deputy Mayor.

C.06 Sub Committees

Councillor Whittle said we have Sub-Committees in place at the moment with the Christmas Lights and In In Bloom, where quick decisions can be made.

Councillor Taylor said that there has been no discussions about abolishing Sub Committees and would prefer them to be kept. She said several Sub-Committees are in place at the moment doing good work. Such as the Cemetery Sub-Committee which is organizing an event of the 4 August to commemorate the outbreak of World War One.

Councillor Aldcroft said the structure of the Committees needs looking at properly and should be left as it is for the forthcoming year.

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Brown seconded and it was RESOLVED:

To defer this item until the next Full Council Meeting.

C.07 Working Group

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED, with one abstention.

That the Working Group is made up of the following Councillors:

Councillor Minnery, Hughes, Purcell, Taylor, Cadwallader, Whittle, Aldcroft, Ridgway, Owen, M. Erwin and T. Beckett.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Minnery seconded and it was RESOLVED:

That the Working Group meet on Wednesday 21 May at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

Members requested a reminder be sent out for the meeting.

C.08 Appointment of Representatives

1.1 Chamber of Trade
Councillor M. Erwin

1.2 Community Partnership

There were two members wishing to serve:

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded to nominate Councillor Aldcroft.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Cadwallader seconded to nominate Councillor Aldcroft.

The vote was as follows:

Councillor Aldcroft – 6 votes
Councillor Ridgway – 9 votes
1 Abstention.

Councillor Ridgway was duly appointed representative for Community Partnership.

1.3 Emergency Planning.

Councillor Aldcroft and Councillor Hughes

1.4 Market Drayton Road Safety Group.

Councillor D. Erwin previously represented but wished to step down and hand over the post to Councillor M. Erwin.

Councillor Hughes proposed and Councillor Ridgway seconded at it was RESOLVED:

That Councillor M. Erwin be the representative for Market Drayton Road Safety.

1.5 RAF Shawbury Helicopter Noise Liaison Group.

Councillor Cadwallader.

1.6 Shropshire Association of Local Councils Area Committee

There were three members wishing to serve:

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded:
That Councillor Aldcroft be **nominated** to represent the SALC

Councillor Ridgway proposed, Councillor Cadwallader seconded:

That Councillors T. Beckett and Hughes be **nominated** to represent SALC.

**The vote was as follows:**

Councillor Aldcroft – 6 votes  
Councillor T. Beckett – 9 votes  
Councillor Hughes - 9 votes  

**Councillor T. Beckett and Councillor Hughes were duly appointed as representatives for Shropshire Association of Local Councils Area Committee.**

1.7  Local Joint Committee.

**Councillor Purcell.**

1.8  Tourist Information Management Body.

Councillor Minnery said there was a misprint and does not want to be the representative.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Cadwallader seconded:

To **nominate** Councillor Ridgway

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded:

To **nominate** Councillor Aldcroft

The vote was as follows:

Councillor Ridgway – 9 votes  
Councillor Aldcroft – 6 votes  
1 Abstention

**Councillor Ridgway was duly appointed representative for Tourist Information.**

C.09  **Appointment of directors on Market Drayton Sports Association (2).**

Councillor Purcell requested not to serve this year due to other commitments.
Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Minnery seconded:

That Councillors Cadwallader and Ridgway be nominated for Directors of MDSA.

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded:

That Councillor Glover be nominated for Director of MDSA.

The vote was as follows:

Councillor Cadwallader – 9 votes with 1 abstention
Councillor Glover – 6 votes with 1 abstention
Councillor Ridgway – 9 votes with 1 abstention

Councillor Cadwallader and Councillor Ridgway were duly appointed Directors on MDSA.

Councillor Hughes requested there are written reports back to Council.

C.10 Appointment of named contacts

It was suggested that named contacts stay the same.

Councillor Minnery proposed, seconded by Councillor Ridgway and it was RESOLVED with 4 abstentions:

That the named contacts would be:

1. Age Concern Councillor D. Erwin
2. Festival Drayton Councillor T. Beckett
3. M.D. Cricket, Hockey and Squash Club Councillor Minnery
4. Playing Fields Association Councillor Purcell and Minnery
5. Tern Hill Sports Centre Councillor Gough and Minnery

C.11 Accounts & financial matters.

Councillor Brown said once the bank accounts have transferred to Handelsbanken she did not wish to be a signatory.

Councillor Hughes proposed, seconded by Councillor Minnery and it was RESOLVED with 4 abstentions:

To agree the following members as signatories on the bank account: Councillors Minnery, Purcell, Hughes, Ridgway and Aldcroft.
Councillor Minnery proposed, seconded by Councillor Hughes and it was **RESOLVED:**

**That Councillor Aldcroft and Councillor Hughes are to sign the electronic banking when the system is operational.**

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Ridgway seconded and it was **RESOLVED:** with 2 abstentions:

**That any two of the five signatories could sign on the electronic banking system.**

The Town Clerk said she would check with the Handelsbanken to see if that was possible.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Chairman ........................................

Date ........................................