

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa on Monday 4 March 2019 at 6.13pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Harris (Chairman)
Councillor A H Laird (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor C Bowden (Ex-officio)
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor W T Moy
Councillor Mrs K Tomalin

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale, G R Brookes, A Roberts, G Duffy, A Sinton, R Murphy, L Evans and T Noyes

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs A Hawkins, Ms J Bolton and S Best, Committee members, also Councillor R Morris.

236. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made.

237. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

238. WORCESTERSHIRE FARMERS MARKET & CHARTER MARKET

The Assistant Town Clerk – Communities & Amenities updated the committee regarding a meeting with members of Worcestershire Farmer's Market Group and the Town Clerk on 12 February 2019. The Market Group have been looking at ways to continue the running of the popular monthly Farmer's Market in Droitwich Spa following the retirement of their main operator. The Group have all the infrastructure in place and sufficient market stall holder's to enable them to still successfully operate the market and only require a secure area to store the market equipment. For the Town Council to offer storage, it would only necessitate an increase of £25.47 annually for insurance to cover loss or damage whilst the stalls and trailer are stored. The WFMG maintain separate public liability insurance for the actual Market operation. The committee agreed this nominal amount was worth spending in order to keep this popular facility for the people of Droitwich Spa.

RESOLVED To allow the Worcestershire Farmer's Market Group to store the market infrastructure securely on Council property and to increase our own insurance to cover for loss or damage whilst under our control.

239. MUNICIPAL PLANTING

The Committee were updated regarding the plans for the first spring/summer planting under the new contractor's Countrywide Ground's Maintenance. Following a meeting with the contractors all is progressing well, with the spring/summer planting hoped to be in place by mid to late April. It was also noted how Countrywide are employing a local person for the day to day maintenance of the Town's planting.

240. ST RICHARD'S FESTIVAL – CLASSIC CAR RALLY

The Town Clerk informed the Committee of the arrangements for the Classic Car Rally element of St Richard's Festival which will take place on Saturday 4 May 2019. From 2019 this element is to be organised and run by The Town Clerk & Assistant Town Clerks. It is to be held, as in 2018, covering the High Street, St Andrew's Street & Victoria Square. Many applications have already been received.

The meeting concluded at 6.20pm.

Chairman of Committee
10 June 2019

Chairman of Council
15 April 2019