

# 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 6 March 2017 at 6.22pm.

PRESENT: Councillor A M Sinton - Chairman  
Councillor R Murphy (Ex-officio)  
Councillor S Best  
Councillor Ms J Bolton  
Councillor Mrs C Bowden  
Councillor Mrs S Harris  
Councillor Mrs A J Hawkins  
Councillor A Humphries  
Councillor A H Laird

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale, G R Brookes, T J Noyes, A Roberts, G A Duffy and Mrs K Tomalin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors L Evans, Mrs M A Lawley and R J Morris.

## 252. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

## 253. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 254. COUNCILLOR A HUMPHRIES - NOTICE OF MOTION:

Pursuant to Minute No 229, the following was referred to the committee:

*"Following the success of the new group supporting people and families with dementia in Droitwich Spa and the success of a similar group in Evesham, discussions have taken place about applying for Droitwich Spa to be classified as a Dementia Friendly town. Support in principle (which does not require any financial or resource assistance) has been requested and therefore the Town Council confirms its full support for any application to make Droitwich Spa a Dementia Friendly Town."*

This referral was upon a proposal from Councillor R J Morris:

*That the principle of assistance for dementia sufferers be supported but that Councillor Mrs S Harris be tasked with speaking to all stakeholder groups such as the Clinical Commissioning Group, Age UK, Churches Together, Older Peoples' Forum etc and reporting on the matter to a future meeting of the Community & Amenities Committee so*

*that an informed decision can be made by the Town Council as to the identification of Droitwich Spa as a Dementia Friendly Town.*

The Committee noted that as Council had supported the principle of assistance for dementia sufferers Councillor Mrs S Harris had confirmed that she did not wish to report any further on the matter.

RESOLVED That the update be noted and referred to Council.

255. IMPROVEMENT WORKS UPDATES

Pursuant to Minute Number 110 of the Community & Amenities Committee meeting held on 12 September 2016 the Committee noted that the resurfacing works to St Richard's House frontage were scheduled for 8 & 9 March 2017.

The installation of the new power distribution pillar in Vines Lane, adjacent the entrance to Vines Park had been completed and it was anticipated that this power connection would be in place for the St Richard's Festival in April marking the start of the outdoor events season.

RESOLVED That the report be noted.

256. TOWN CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON EVENT 2017

The Christmas Lights contract was in place, the third and final year being 2018. Positive comments had been received particularly relating to St Richards House icicles.

The committee considered delegating the arrangements once again for the Switch On Event, displays and entertainment programme for 2017 to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee with the Assistant Town Clerk supporting.

RESOLVED That the arrangements for the 2017 Christmas Lights Switch On event to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November be delegated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Town Council, Community & Amenities Committee with support from the Assistant Town Clerk.

257. LOCAL ENTERPRISE MARKET PROPOSAL FROM WORCESTERSHIRE FARMERS MARKET GROUP

Mr Henry Wormington who ran the Farmers' Market proposed to operate a monthly Local Enterprise Market on Victoria Square on the fourth Saturday of each month. This was to be in addition to the established Farmers Market which was held on the first Saturday of each month. The Local Enterprise Market would showcase and provide a retail outlet for local skills within business, crafts, new products etc. The Market would

be in line with the existing permissions in place for markets to be held on Victoria Square.

RESOLVED That the Droitwich Spa Local Enterprise Market be supported and permitted to proceed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month beginning on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

258. YOUTH FESTIVAL, LIDO PARK, SATURDAY 8 JULY 2017

Councillor Mrs Harris and Councillor Laird requested Town Council and District Members' written support towards a funding application being lodged with Wychavon District Council for the Youth Fest on 8 July 2017. Although the Town Council had no direct affiliation with the Droitwich Spa Youth Council it was hoped that this request could be accommodated with the caveats that 50% of the estimated total funding be in place and that all requisite permissions and liabilities for use of the Lido Park had been achieved.

RESOLVED That District Councillors and ward members provide a written declaration of support for the Youth Fest scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to assist with funding applications being lodged with Wychavon District Council. Also that a similar letter of support be provided on behalf of Droitwich Spa Town Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm

Chairman of Committee .....  
5 June 2017

Chairman of Council .....  
24 April 2017