

# 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 5 March 2018 at 6.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Harris (Chairman)  
Councillor S Best (Ex-officio)  
Councillor A M Sinton (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Ms J Bolton  
Councillor Mrs C Bowden  
Councillor G Duffy  
Councillor A H Laird  
Councillor Mrs K Tomalin

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale, G R Brookes, L Evans, W T Moy, R Murphy and A Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor A Humphries committee member, and also Councillors Mrs Hawkins, R J Morris and T J Noyes.

## 259. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

A declaration of non-pecuniary interest was made by Councillor S Best for Agenda Item 6 - St Richards Festival, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## 260. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 261. DROITWICH SPA CHARTER MARKET

Pursuant to Minute No 109 of the Community & Amenities Committee meeting held on 11 September 2017 and Minute Number 160 of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 November 2017 the Assistant Town Clerk reported that an agreement had been made with Mr Joe Jones of 'One to One Events' in December 2017 to revisit his tentative proposal for a relaunch of the Weekly Charter Market during the Easter period in 2018. Clarification on this was now being sought. The Committee was also advised that during the elapsed timescale since the last Charter Market in December enquiries have been received from other local operators. The Chairman remarked that tentative plans were being made to visit the Warwick Charter Market as a preliminary check following receipt of an expression of interest from the operator responsible for their arrangements.

RESOLVED That the report be noted and measures continue to contact Mr Joe Jones and other potential Market Operators for the Weekly Charter.

262. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Pursuant to Minute No 197 of the Community & Amenities Committee meeting held on 15 January 2018 when it was agreed to renew the Contract with Festive Lighting for a further five years, the Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that he had met with Mr Rob Hollingsworth, representing the Festive Lighting Company on 20 February 2018. Design specifications were being produced for review in due course. Consideration was being given to improved Christmas tree lights, some refreshed motif designs and additional decorations provision in the High Street area. The popular roof line icicle lights had been retained for St Richard's House and were also being considered as an option for the Saltbarrow Market wrought iron archway.

Councillor Brookes asked that a further request be issued to the 'Droitwich Means Business Group' to consider reimbursing the small surplus funding which remained from their "Christmas 2017, High Street Reopening Event". The funds were believed to be approximately £460.00 and part comprise County Council Divisional fund monies, which could be used towards a High Street component of the Town Council, Annual Christmas Lights Switch-On Event scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

RESOLVED            That the report be noted and a second request issued to the Droitwich Means Business Group.

263. COUNCILLOR S BEST, MAYOR – ST RICHARD'S FESTIVAL 2018, SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

*[Councillor S Best had declared an interest in this item as recorded in Minute No 259 above.]*

The Committee was given forward notification of a Mayor's Reception as part of the St Richard's Festival. The Mayor was to welcome an historic salt-carrying barge to Droitwich Spa during the Sunday morning of the Festival Weekend as part of the wider celebration of the Droitwich Spa Salt Heritage taking place during the Festival this year. Once unloaded in the traditional manner the salt was then to be modelled into a sculpture for display in Vines Park and thereafter the Heritage Centre. This sculpture project was being coordinated and presented by Katy Beinart representing the Canal & Rivers Trust, as part of the Mid Worcestershire Ring's 'Arts on the Waterways' programme. Invitations for the reception hosted by the Mayor were being sent to local civic dignitaries and all Town Councillors.

RESOLVED            That the report be noted.

264. GATEWAY WOODEN SIGNS

*[The Chairman considered this item at the meeting as a matter of urgency.]*

As a matter of urgency, the Chairman requested that the German Twinning Group, as recipients of the last remaining sign board, be asked to kindly complete collection arrangements within 7 working days. This followed their original viewing and acceptance on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

RESOLVED                      That the Assistant Town Clerk contacts the German Twinning Group's representative in order to complete their arrangements.

The meeting concluded at 6. 25pm.

Chairman of Committee                      .....  
4 June 2018

Chairman of Council                      .....  
23 April 2018