

# Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at the Community Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 18.50 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Chairman)  
Councillor EJ Bowden  
Councillor DM Craigie  
Councillor Mrs K Fellows  
Councillor AH Laird  
Councillor RJ Morris  
Councillor WT Moy (Ex- officio)  
Councillor C Murray

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors GR Brookes, Mrs J Chaudry G Duffy, J Grady and RP Hopkins.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors RG Beale, NR Griffiths, A Humphries and AM Sinton.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
There were none received

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## 304. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor RJ Morris registered a non – pecuniary interest in Agenda Items 4, 6 & 7 (Grants Appraisal Committee as Chairman, Vigil for Ukraine as Organiser and Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding in collaboration with Wychavon District Council).

## 305. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Amenities Committee held on 28 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

## 306. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANTS APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2022

The Town Clerk updated that there had been one application considered by the Committee which was now further recommended for full approval this evening. The application was for £1,000.00 requested by the St Richards Canal Festival Organiser towards supporting local providers and entertainment as part of the programme for this year's event taking place at the end of April. There were no questions arising.

RESOLVED That the grant application for £1,000.00 for the St Richards Canal Festival 2022 be approved in full.

307. BANDS IN THE PARK PROGRAMME 2022

The Town Clerk updated that the Sunday Band Concerts in Lido Park will run this year from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September [*schedule attached to agenda*]

Councillor WT Moy asked if the power supply and a PA System could be made available this year. The Town Clerk confirmed that access to the power point was now available after a combination pad lock had been fitted. This arrangement and the code will be notified to all participating bands prior to their scheduled performance dates. Bands will be encouraged to use their own PA System for any announcements because the event is not attended by Officers making availability and the provision of Town Council owned equipment difficult to maintain each weekend.

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

308. VIGIL FOR UKRAINE 2022

Vigil for Ukraine – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022- To confirm that the vigil took place in Lido Park at the band stand and was well attended from the Community. Councillor RJ Morris, Councillor WT Moy - Mayor and Reverend Nigel Byard (representing Churches Together in Droitwich Spa) all presided, together with guest speakers representing the Ukrainian Community and Citizens. Appreciation is expressed to all those who contributed and took part. The following press/media release extract has been circulated and the online link is widely available through Wychavon District Council to help support the charitable fund raising campaign and humanitarian relief effort [*for information*]

Councillor RJ Morris thanked the Mayor, the Reverend Nigel Byard – Churches Together in Droitwich Spa, Councillor GR Brookes and Officers for helping to make the event a success. Councillor WT Moy expressed appreciation to Councillor Morris on behalf of the Town Council for organising the Vigil and support for Ukraine and its Community.

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

309. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - WDC COMMUNITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Queens Platinum Jubilee Community Funding Opportunities through collaboration with Wychavon District Council. To note the following press and media release which outlines the funding opportunity and application process. The additional referenced Crowd Funding information has previously been circulated. As at 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 ten Community Group applications have been received so far for funding support [*for information*].

Community Funding Opportunities for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022

On behalf of Wychavon District Council and Droitwich Spa Town Council, Councillor WT Moy – Mayor of Droitwich Spa is pleased to announce approval of financial support towards the Community – Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations taking place in June 2022. Droitwich Spa has been awarded £2454.00 towards supporting local community groups and organisations with their Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations including any planned Street Parties. The funding requests will be administered on a first received basis and those interested are kindly asked to contact the Town Clerks Office at Droitwich Spa Town Council ([www.droitwichspa.gov.uk](http://www.droitwichspa.gov.uk) and 1905 774258) to register a request. Brief details of the planned celebration event including a costing breakdown will be required to support consideration of available funding.

Additional support is available through Crowdfunding as outlined below,

Please find attached a Platinum Jubilee Crowdfunding Guide that Spacehive have produced. It offers a step-by-step guide to help groups raise money for their Jubilee event through crowdfunding.

Councillor WT Moy- Mayor  
Droitwich Spa Town Council  
31 March 2022

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

310. PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS- 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 COMMUNITY EVENT

The preliminary entertainment programme is anticipated any time from Mrs Jenny Smith at Curiosity Productions who is commissioned to help coordinate the Community Event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The draft will be circulated to Members as soon as it is received. Full event details including a press/media statement, final timings and a location plan will be publicised after Easter and later in April. A Community Reach - Out Campaign is currently in place to encourage contributions and an invitation to local community groups & organisations to participate [*for information*]

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

311. PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON- 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2022

Full publicity for the illuminated Beacon as part of the Nationwide Network on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 for the Queens Platinum Jubilee arrangements & timings will follow in May. The headline programme details are that the Beacon will be illuminated at 9.45 pm in Dodderhill Church Yard overlooking the Town Centre. The accompaniments will announcements by the Town Crier, a band performance by the 2516 Droitwich Squadron ATC, also marking their Branch 50 year anniversary and a Piper provided for by the Royal British Legion - Droitwich Spa Branch [*for information*].

RESOLVED That the information was noted

312. PLATINUM JUBILEE PLANTING 2022

To confirm the following arrangements that are in course as component features for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June. These aspects support the Queens Green Canopy initiative which is a key attribute of the anniversary [*for information*].

- (a) Municipal Planting Theme- Red, White & Blue colours throughout the Town Centre from later May.
- (b) High Street entrance from Worcester Road (Queen Street aspect) new stone trough planters on 9 metre verge line area. Collaborative project between DSTC, WDC and WCC Highways. Funding support from WDC "Welcome Back Fund". Same red, white and blue planting theme and to be adopted by DSTC in forthcoming years.
- (c) Salt Barrow Market – similar stone trough planters to option (b) above. Collaborative project between DSTC and WDC with funding support from WDC "Welcome Back Fund".
- (d) Static Floral displays in the areas of Gurneys Lane, St Andrews Shopping Centre and the Heritage Centre coordinated by WDC through the "Welcome Back Fund". The display for the Heritage Centre is a Roman Legionnaires helmet sculpture made from flowers.
- (e) Queens Green Canopy Centre Piece Ornamental Tree. This replica tree is commissioned as part of the June 4<sup>th</sup> Community Event and will be displayed at the St Richards House Garden on the day and thereafter as part of the Museum Collection .The exhibit is interactive in that the Artist is encouraging people to create legacy messages on leaves made from painted recycled tin cans . A Schools and Community workshop is planned for later in April or May.

(f) As previously updated a new ornamental planting raised flower bed, two new trees and commemorative signage to mark the occasion of the Jubilee Year at Spring Meadow / Door Step Green. This project is collaborative with WCC and part funded by Divisional Funding provided through Councillor Gr Brookes.

(g) Worcestershire County Councillor Tony Miller (Ombersley Division) and Cabinet Member with responsibility for the environment has kindly gifted a Holm Oak Tree sapling to the Town Council for the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee. This is part of a wider gesture whereby a tree has been provided by Councillor Miller for each of his Parishes. The Holm Oak is a strong and evergreen variety which can grow very large and can reach a lifespan towards 1000 years. The location of Copcut Park adjacent to the pond and the woodland walk has been suggested for planting with an accompanying commemorative sign to be in place. Arrangements will be taken forward for June and Councillor Brookes is currently taking care of the sapling ready for planting. Appreciation is expressed to Councillor Miller for providing the tree and his support to the Town Council.

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

### 313. WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES ASSOCIATION

Wychavon Parish Games Association Newsletter - To receive and note the newsletter correspondence received on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from Sue Collins – Secretary. Letter attached with agenda papers *[for information]*

The Chairman commented that the Parish Games looked to be an interesting suggestion. Councillor RJ Morris agreed and mentioned that it would be possibly something of interest for wider Community Groups involvement.

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

### 314. SALVATION ARMY BAND- GOOD FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

Salvation Army Band – Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022. To confirm that the Salvation Army Band have notified that they will be playing on Victoria Square on Good Friday from around 11.00am . It has been updated that there will be no Churches Together Service at Victoria Square this year, only the Band playing *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

### 315. COMMUNITY PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS (CPAD'S)

Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPAD's) – To advise that a request has been received through email dated 17 February 2022 by the Town Council from Mr Peter Richards. The enquiry requests consideration in principle towards whether the Town Council will adopt the current provision of approximately 50 operational CPAD's throughout Droitwich Spa. Pursuant to minute reference 271 of the Community & Amenities Committee meeting held on 28 February 2022 further information has been provided through the Town Councils insurer and Mr Richards.

The annual cost of maintaining 5 prime Town Centre location CPAD's is estimated to be approximately £300 to cover replacement consumables (pads and batteries) , servicing and maintaining a rescue ready status. Insurance cover is for general asset acquisition purposes and estimated at approximately £30 to £50 per unit per annum. There is no liability risk attached to the equipment for the reason that emergency use only arises when a casualty is already deceased. A working AED provides the chance that life can be restored without any guarantee of this because time is very much of the essence. A commitment in principle has been relayed

to Mr Richards to proceed with the adoption of 5 key location CPAD's for the future. The indicative timescales are within 2 years, to align with the period after which Mr Richards and his Group will begin to step back from supporting all Town Centre CPAD's themselves. Details for the 5 suggested locations for equipment to be adopted by the Town Council can be considered in due course. There were no questions arising.

RESOLVED That the information was noted

The meeting concluded at 19.18 pm

Chairman of Committee .....  
13 June 2022

Chairman of Council .....  
25 April 2022