

# **Droitwich Spa Town Council**

MINUTES of the Extra Ordinary meeting of Droitwich Spa Town Council held by Online Zoom Facility on **Monday 26 October 2020** at 5.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor WT Moy (Mayor)  
Councillor RG Beale  
Councillor Mrs C Bowden  
Councillor E Bowden  
Councillor GR Brookes  
Councillor Mrs JM Chaudry  
Councillor G Duffy  
Councillor J Grady  
Councillor RP Hopkins  
Councillor A Humphries  
Councillor AH Laird  
Councillor DJ Morris  
Councillor RJ Morris  
Councillor CM Murray  
Councillor AM Sinton

APOLOGIES for absence: Councillors DM Craigie, NR Griffiths & Mrs K Fellows

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS SESSION**

There were no questions received.

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## **143. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor DJ Morris declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 3 for consideration of suitable options and projects to be put forward to Wychavon District Council for Community Legacy funding support. Councillor Morris explained that he is a Member of the Communities & Funding Advisory Panel at Wychavon District Council, although he would not participate in any formal consideration or decision making towards applications for Droitwich Spa.

## **144. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDING**

Wychavon District Council – Community Legacy Funding Scheme.

To consider possible options and projects to take forward to application stage. The third and final round of the scheme is now open and the deadline for Expressions of Interest is 7th December 2020. Towns and Parishes in the District are permitted to submit two applications for round three. Full details of the scheme including eligibility requirements had been circulated during September and again with the Agenda for this meeting.

The Town Clerk updated that the funding opportunity was a competitive bidding process and the first stage applications deadline was 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The Expression of Interest phase requires a business case, feasibility study and project costing to be submitted. Applications are then assessed and successful submissions are then invited to present a more detailed project application including evidence based public consultation. The Town Council had previous success with the second release of Community Legacy funding with the High School,

Community Cabin project between May 2019 and March 2020. This project is nearing the point of full construction completion and handover is anticipated in November.

Councillor AM Sinton and Councillor RJ Morris suggested and proposed the following two projects for support with Community Legacy funding applications.

- A component part of the development scheme at King George’s playing fields which involves upgrade of the existing facilities to 3G Football Pitch standard. The project includes the pitch, stands, club buildings and pavilion.
- A Heritage Trail for the Town Centre to showcase the rich Droitwich Spa history attributes and features. Suggestions included flood lighting of some of the iconic buildings, QR codes, signage and plaques to support a designated and informed trail for visitors and residents with possible elements of augmented reality.

Following general discussion it was resolved to proceed with the preparatory work and engagement conducive with submitting two applications to support both projects.

The application process requires the projects to be ranked in priority. It was resolved that the Heritage project should take precedent for the ranking.

RESOLVED That preparatory work and engagement proceed conducive with submitting two applications to support both projects- as follows,

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That the Heritage Trail is given precedent in priority ranking.

The meeting ended at 5.20 pm.

Chairman of Council -----

14 December 2020